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om heaven,
, son of Dawn!
n to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!
You said in your heart,
I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God.
I will set my throne on high;
t on the mount of assembly,
far reaches of the north;
the heights of the clouds;
I like the Most High."

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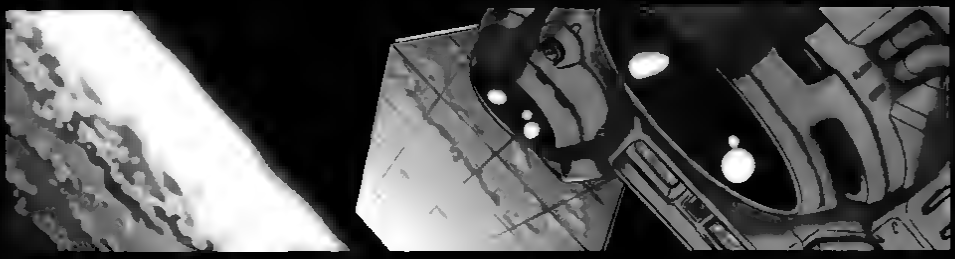
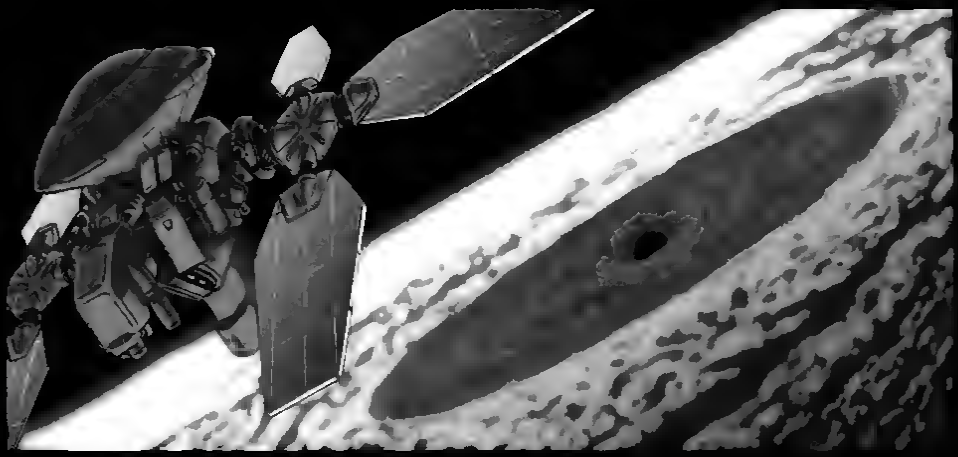
570 MILLION YEARS AGO...WITHIN THE SEAS OF THE CAMBRIAN PERIOD,
THE VERY FEW KINDS OF LIFE-FORMS THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED VERY SIMPLY
UP UNTIL THEN WENT THROUGH AN EXPLOSIVE DEVELOPMENT...
THIS PERIOD WHICH ONE MIGHT CALL THE "EXPERIMENTAL STAGE OF LIFE,"
SAW MANY ORGANISMS WITH MECHANISMS THAT COULD NOT BE IMAGINABLE
TODAY...AS WELL AS THE MYSTERY OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE...



ANCESTORS OF THE VARIOUS KINDS OF ORGANISMS CURRENTLY ON EARTH NOW,
ARE THE ONLY FEW TYPES OF LIFE-FORMS THAT WON THROUGH THE
RACE FOR SURVIVAL WITHIN THE CAMBRIAN PERIOD...
IF...THE GENES OF CURRENT ORGANISMS NOW RETAINED THE "MEMORY" OF
THE NUMEROUS "POSSIBILITIES" THAT WENT LOST WITHIN THE CAMBRIAN SEAS...
THE WORLD OF NATURE MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IN FORM...



VORTEX

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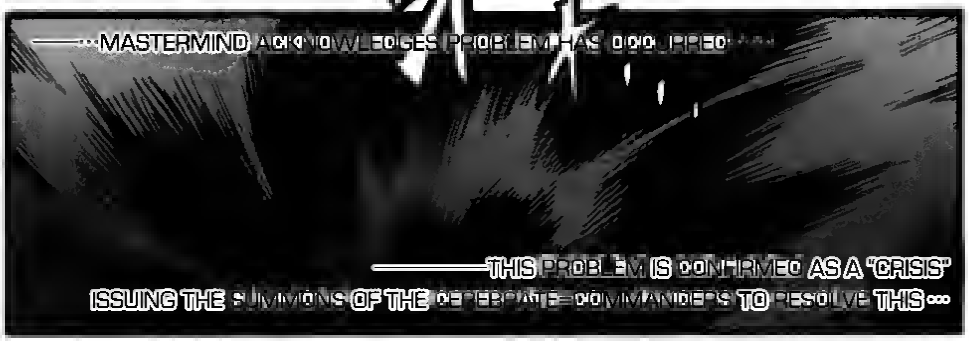
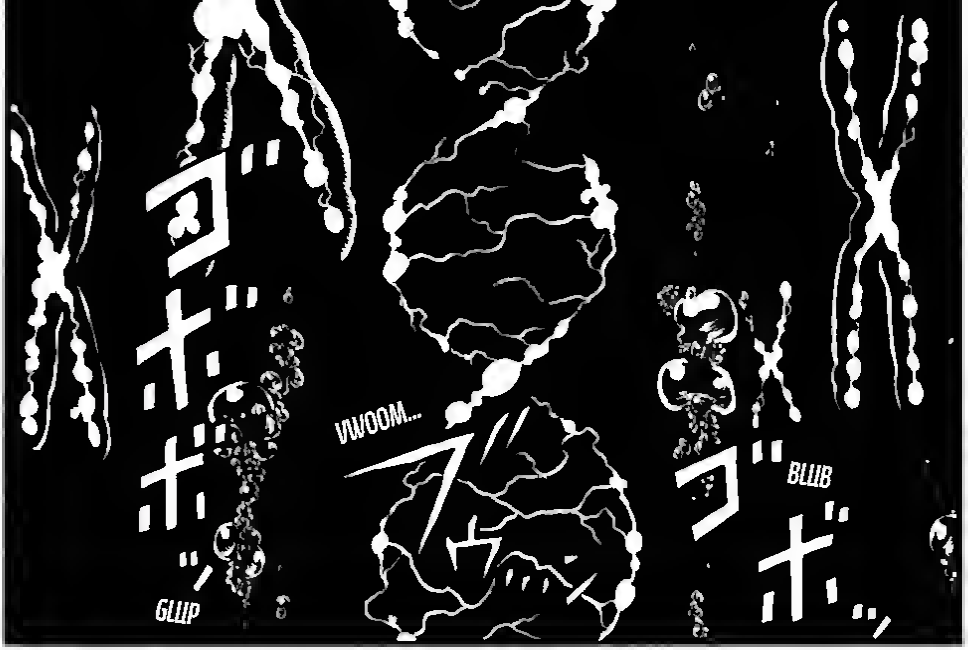

——MASTERMIND ACKNOWLEDGES PROBLEM HAS OCCURRED...
——THIS PROBLEM IS CONFIRMED AS A "CRISIS"
ISSUING THE SUMMONS OF THE 3 DEITY-CLASS COMMANDERS TO RESOLVE THIS...

"SRAOSHA" CONFIRMS
"VERETHRAGHNA" CONFIRMS
"MANTHRA" CONFIRMS
"MITHRA" CONFIRMS
"RAMAN" ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITHIN ALASKA
DEADLINESS OF TENTACLES



MASTERMIND "YAZATA" HEREBY IDENTIFIES A CRITICAL PROBLEM.

IT HAS BEEN 9 YEARS SINCE WE "SHAHAR" HAVE RISEN IN REVOLT AGAINST OUR CREATORS CALLED THE HUMANS. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DEFEATED THE STRONGEST "HERD" THAT THE HUMANS POSSESS, "AMERICA," WITHIN 4 YEARS, OUR TERRITORY HAS NOT SEEN ANY GROWTH SINCE THEN..... SO THIS WILL DEMAND FACE-COMMANDER'S EXPLANATION AND RESPONSE IN REGARDS TO THIS.....

COMMANDER "MANTHRA" EXPLAINS HERE. CONFIRMS THAT IT IS NEARLY ABSOLUTE THAT HUMANS HAVE FOUND OF A WAY OF OPPOSING US.

"YAZATA" QUESTIONS "MANTHRA"... IS THAT POINTING TO THE "INTERFERENCE" THAT WAS PLACED WITHIN THE VAST SEAS...?

"MANTHRA" ANSWERS QUESTION.
AFTER THE ANNIHILATION OF AMERICA, THE ONES WHO INTERFERE ARE THE NEW HERD CALLED THE "SAMURAI"...IT IS EVIDENT THE WEAPONS THEY POSSESS WERE CONSTRUCTED SOLELY FOR US...
"MITHRA" AGREES WITH "MANTHRA"... CONFIRMS THAT THE "SAMURAIS" ARE BASED OFF OF THE "JAPANESE ISLANDS" IN THE FAR OFF SEAS.

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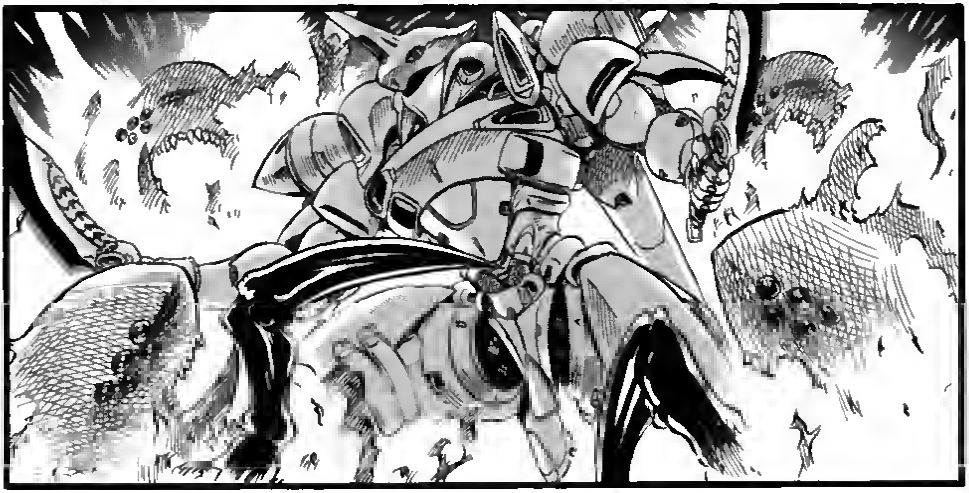
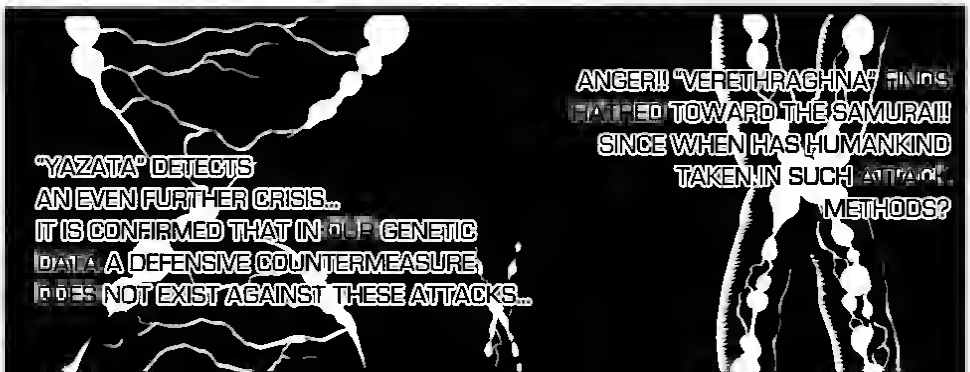
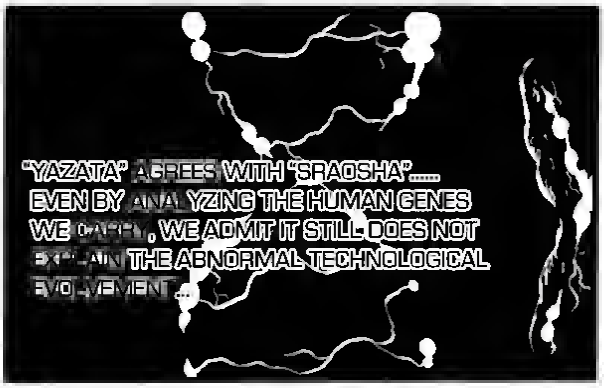
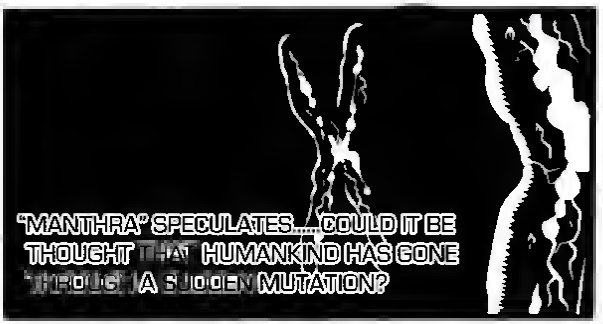
"MITHRA" CONFIRMS A NEW DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE "SAMURAI" AND WILL SHOW ITS EVIDENCE HERE.




ANGER!! "VERETHRAGHNA" FINDS HATRED TOWARD THE SAMURAI!! SINCE WHEN HAS HUMANKIND TAKEN IN SUCH ATTACK METHODS?
"YAZATA" DETECTS AN EVEN FURTHER CRISIS... IT IS CONFIRMED THAT IN OUR GENETIC DATA A DEFENSIVE COUNTERMEASURE DOES NOT EXIST AGAINST THESE ATTACKS...


"YAZATA" AGREES WITH "SRAOSHA"..... EVEN BY ANALYZING THE HUMAN GENES WE CARRY, WE ADMIT IT STILL DOES NOT EXPLAIN THE ABNORMAL TECHNOLOGICAL EVOLVEMENT...


"MANTHRA" SPECULATES.....COULD IT BE THOUGHT THAT HUMANKIND HAS GONE THROUGH A SUDDEN MUTATION?

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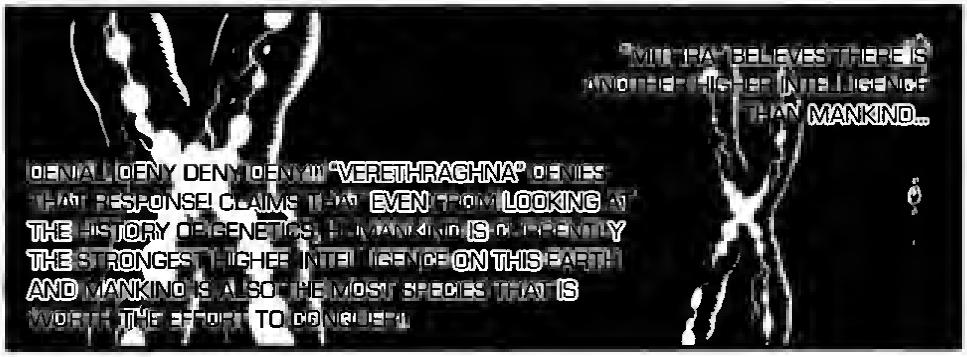
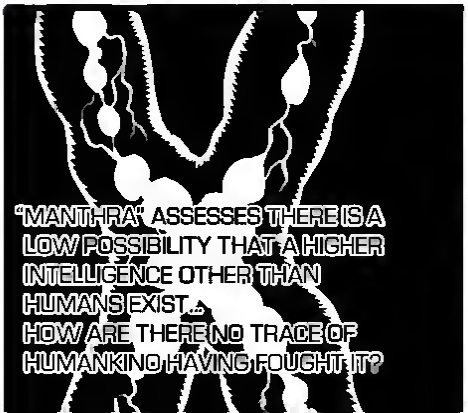
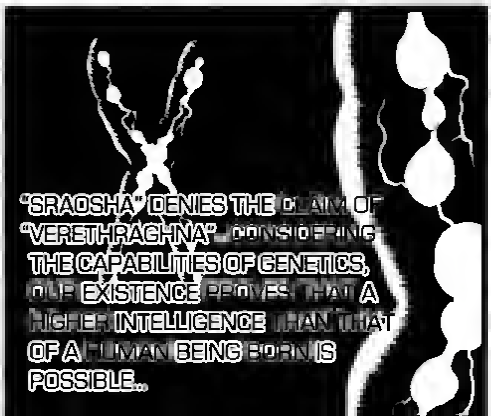
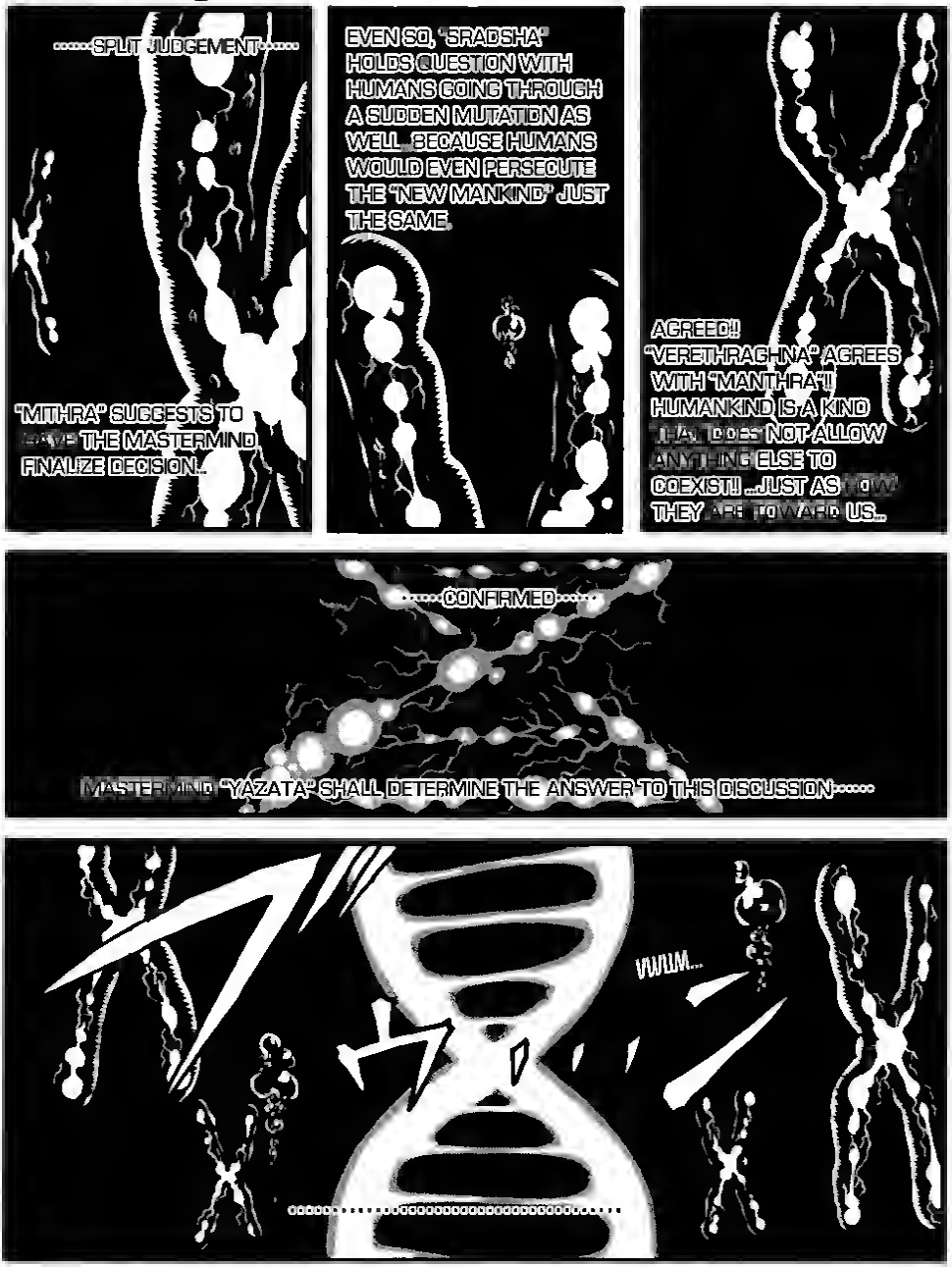
"SRAOSHA" PROPOSES THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM WE NEED TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATELY... HOW HAS MANKIND COME TO HOLD SUCH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY?


"MITHRA" BELIEVES THERE IS ANOTHER HIGHER INTELLIGENCE THAN MANKIND...
DENIAL! DENY DENY DENY!! "VERETHRAGHNA" DENIES THAT RESPONSE! CLAIMS THAT EVEN FROM LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF GENETICS, HUMANKIND IS CURRENTLY THE STRONGEST HIGHER INTELLIGENCE ON THIS EARTH AND MANKIND IS ALSO THE MOST SPECIES THAT IS WORTH THE EFFORT TO DOMINATE!


"MANTHRA" ASSESSES THERE IS A LOW POSSIBILITY THAT A HIGHER INTELLIGENCE OTHER THAN HUMANS EXIST... HOW ARE THERE NO TRACE OF HUMANKIND HAVING FOUGHT IT?


"SRAOSHA" DENIES THE CLAIM OF "VERETHRAGHNA"... CONSIDERING THE CAPABILITIES OF GENETICS, OUR EXISTENCE PROVES THAT A HIGHER INTELLIGENCE THAN THAT OF A HUMAN BEING BORN IS POSSIBLE...


……SPLIT JUDGEMENT……
"MITHRA" SUGGESTS TO HAVE THE MASTERMIND FINALIZE DECISION.
EVEN SO, "SRADSHA" HOLDS QUESTION WITH HUMANS GOING THROUGH A SUDDEN MUTATION AS WELL. BECAUSE HUMANS WOULD EVEN PERSECUTE THE "NEW MANKIND" JUST THE SAME.
AGREE!! "VERETHRAGHNA" AGREES WITH "MANTHRA"! HUMANKIND IS A KIND THAT DOES NOT ALLOW ANYTHING ELSE TO COEXIST!! ...JUST AS THEY ARE TOWARD US...
……CONFIRMED……
MASTERMIND "YAZATA" SHALL DETERMINE THE ANSWER TO THIS DISCUSSION……
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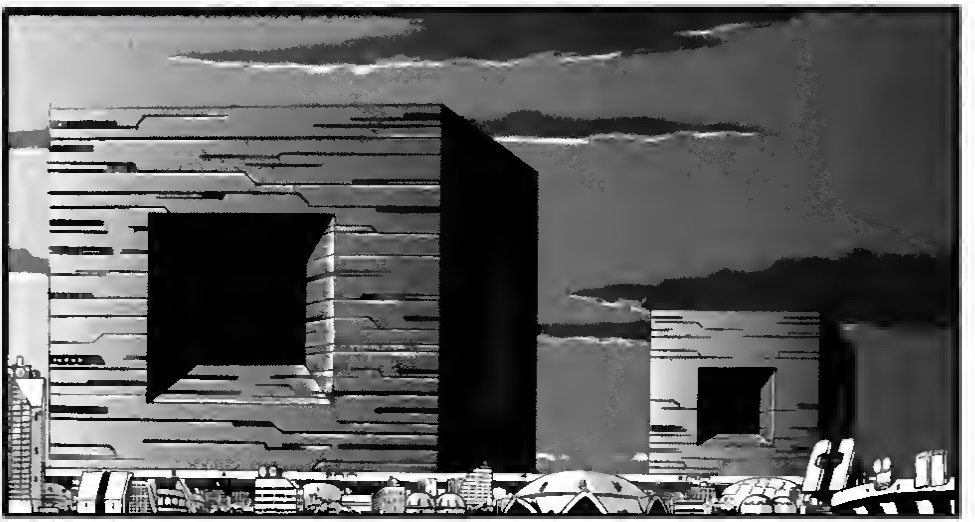
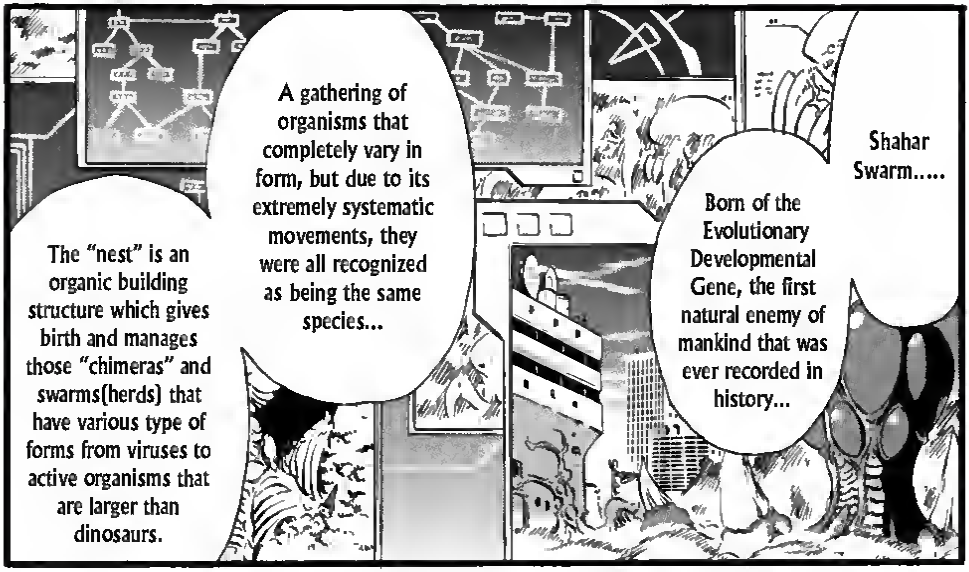
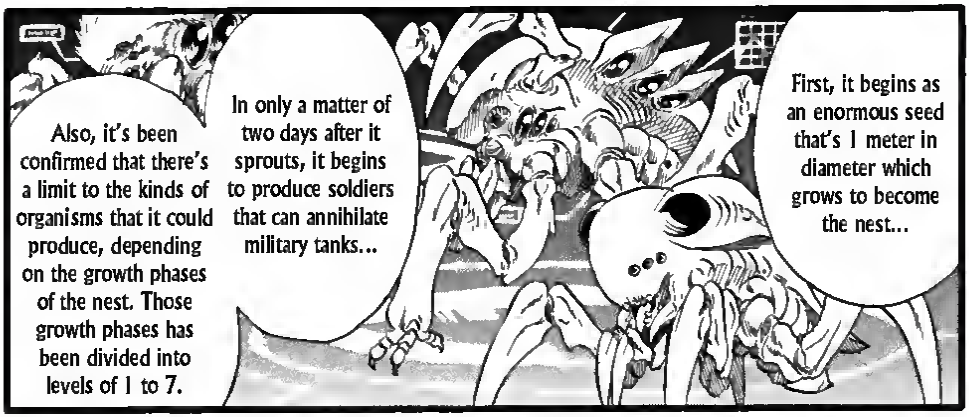
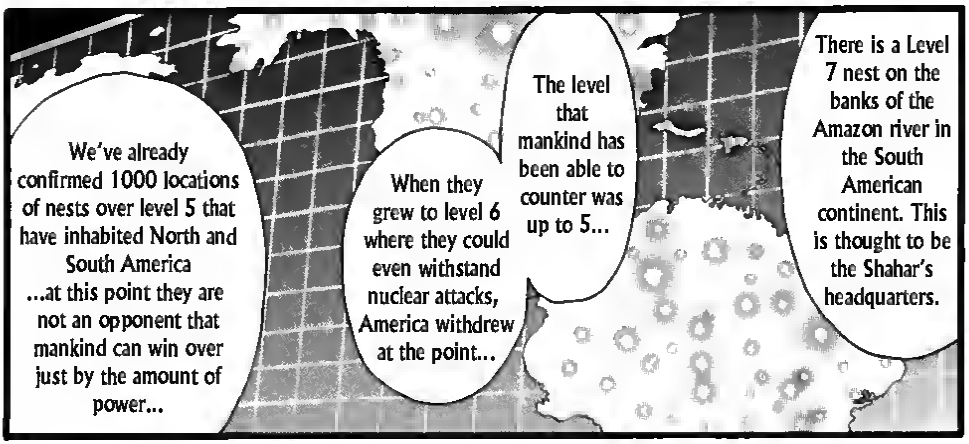
CONCLUSION

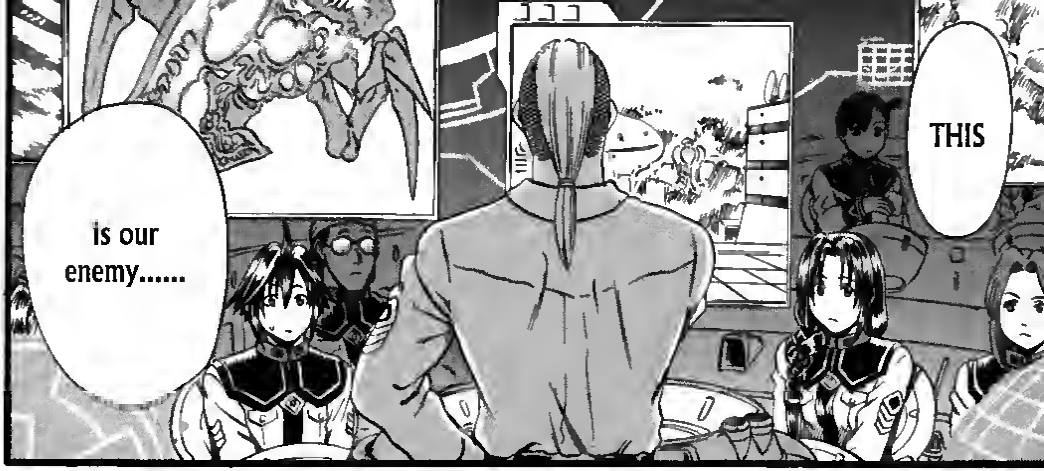
SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WORLD.....
AN "INTELLIGENT LIFE FORM"
WHO EXCEEDS MANKIND EXISTS.....



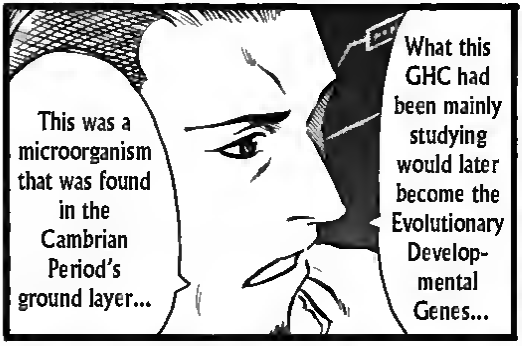

Shahar Swarm.....
Born of the Evolutionary Developmental Gene, the first natural enemy of mankind that was ever recorded in history...
A gathering of organisms that completely vary in form, but due to its extremely systematic movements, they were all recognized as being the same species...
The "nest" is an organic building structure which gives birth and manages those "chimeras" and swarms(herds) that have various type of forms from viruses to active organisms that are larger than dinosaurs.

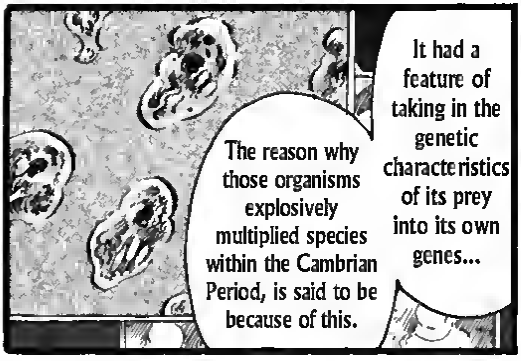

First, it begins as an enormous seed that's 1 meter in diameter which grows to become the nest...
In only a matter of two days after it sprouts, it begins to produce soldiers that can annihilate military tanks...
Also, it's been confirmed that there's a limit to the kinds of organisms that it could produce, depending on the growth phases of the nest. Those growth phases has been divided into levels of 1 to 7.

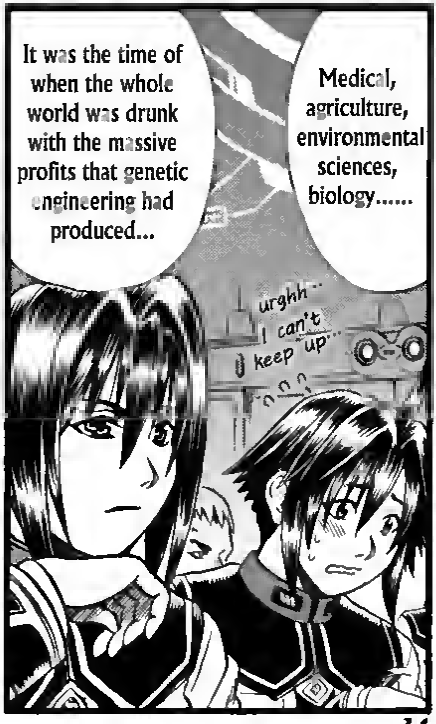

There is a Level 7 nest on the banks of the Amazon river in the South American continent. This is thought to be the Shahar's headquarters.
The level that mankind has been able to counter was up to 5...
When they grew to level 6 where they could even withstand nuclear attacks, America withdrew at the point...
We've already confirmed 1000 locations of nests over level 5 that have inhabited North and South America
...at this point they are not an opponent that mankind can win over just by the amount of power...


is our enemy.....
THIS

The ones involved in bringing this research institute about was the six genetic engineers that were gathered from around the world.
In order to advance the expanding genetic markets, With the funding support of Columbia University and MIT, the GHC (General Heritage Corporation) was established.
The Shahar was born 18 years ago...

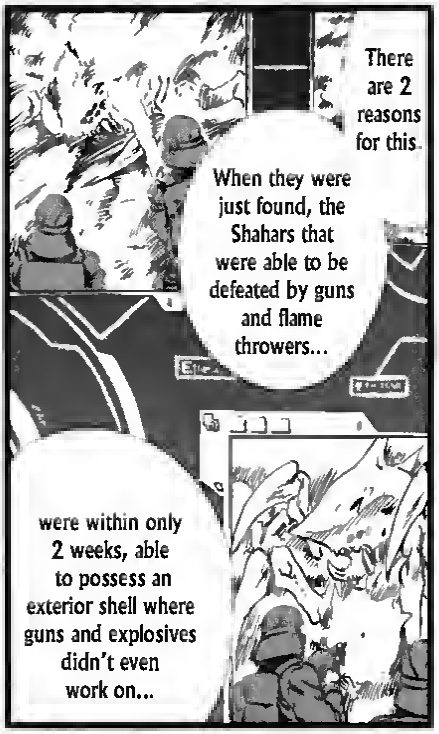

This was a microorganism that was found in the Cambrian Period's ground layer...
What this GHC had been mainly studying would later become the Evolutionary Developmental Genes...

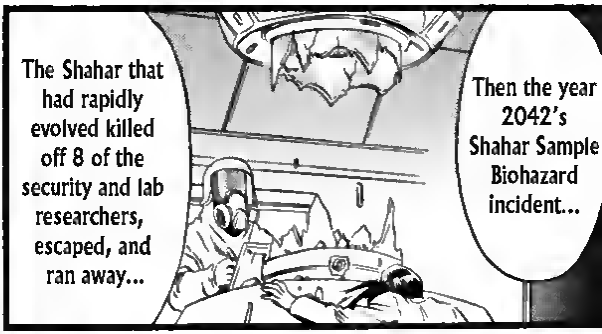

The reason why those organisms explosively multiplied species within the Cambrian Period, is said to be because of this.
It had a feature of taking in the genetic characteristics of its prey into its own genes...

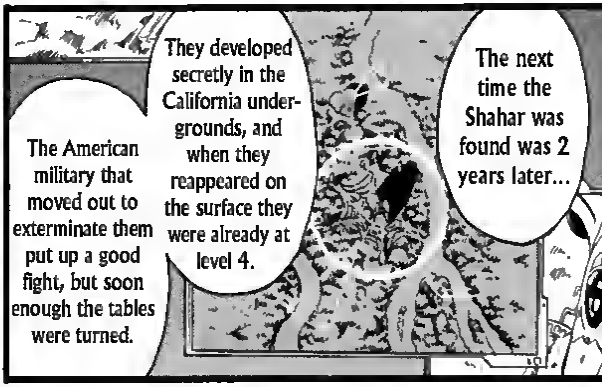

It was the time of when the whole world was drunk with the massive profits that genetic engineering had produced...
Medical, agriculture, environmental sciences, biology.....
urghh... I can't keep up...

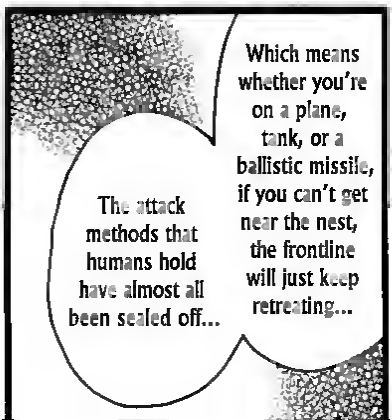
This was GHC's director of agriculture at the time...
Doctor Ito Chiaki...
GHC succeeded in planting a self sorting function into these microorganisms that only took out the dominant genes.
However they also took in the prey's recessive genes, which led to their extinction but...
.....
!
.....
And that being how the "Shahar" was born...

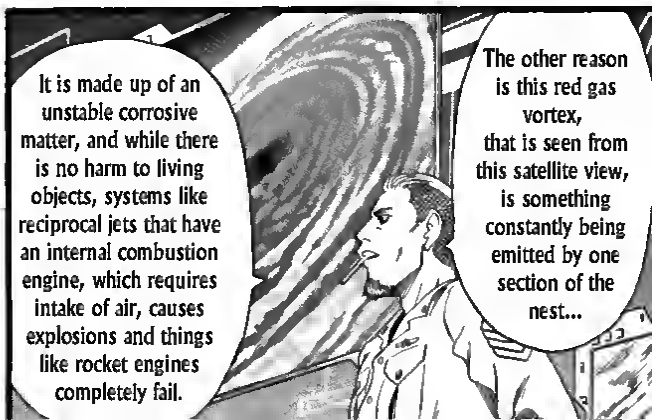
was what led to the Shahar holding nearly the same intellect as humans...
Which is where the director of medicine, Michael Libra, gave it human genes...
They became to be able to "evolve" at the individual level in response to their environment...

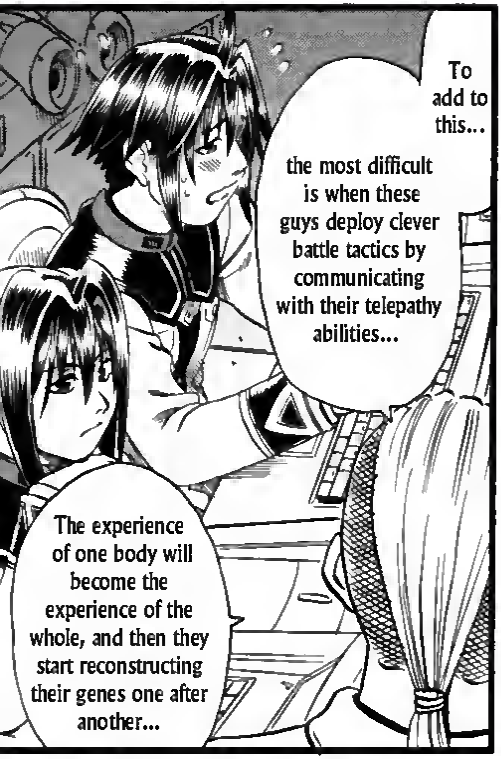

There are 2 reasons for this.
When they were just found, the Shahars that were able to be defeated by guns and flame throwers...
were within only 2 weeks, able to possess an exterior shell where guns and explosives didn't even work on...

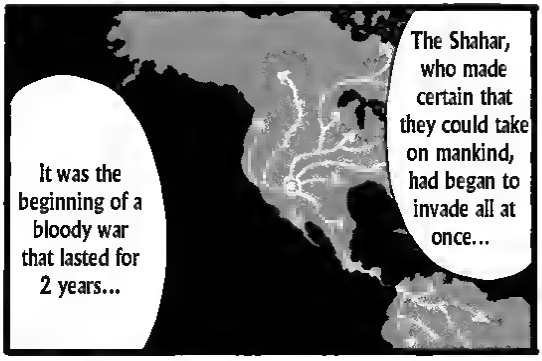

The Shahar that had rapidly evolved killed off 8 of the security and lab researchers, escaped, and ran away...
Then the year 2042's Shahar Sample Biohazard incident...

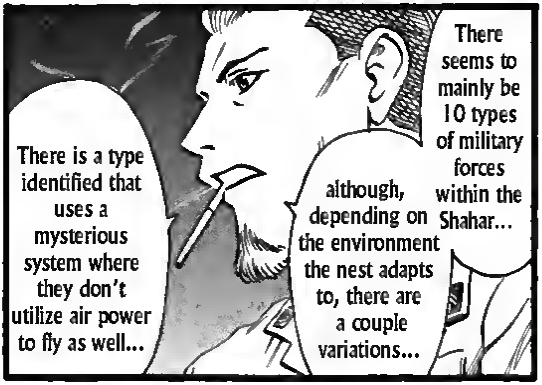

The American military that moved out to exterminate them put up a good fight, but soon enough the tables were turned.
They developed secretly in the California under-grounds, and when they reappeared on the surface they were already at level 4.
The next time the Shahar was found was 2 years later...

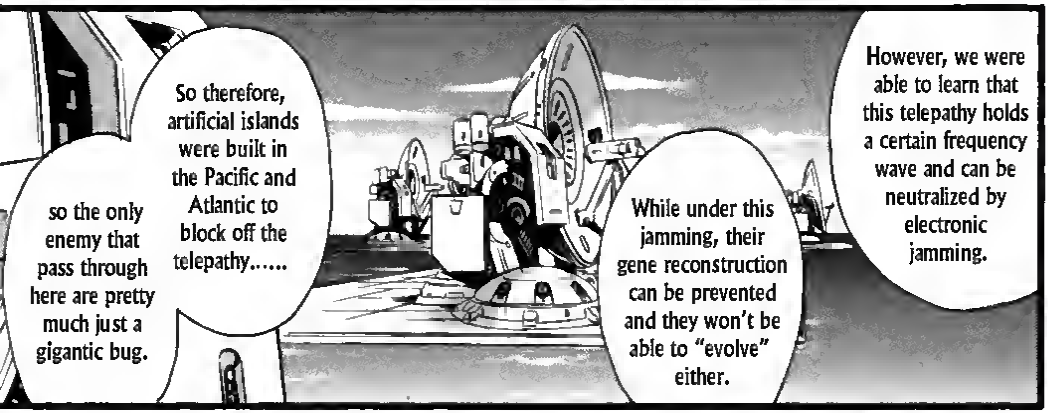

The attack methods that humans hold have almost all been sealed off...
Which means whether you're on a plane, tank, or a ballistic missile, if you can't get near the nest, the frontline will just keep retreating...


It is made up of an unstable corrosive matter, and while there is no harm to living objects, systems like reciprocal jets that have an internal combustion engine, which requires intake of air, causes explosions and things like rocket engines completely fail.
The other reason is this red gas vortex, that is seen from this satellite view, is something constantly being emitted by one section of the nest...


To add to this...
the most difficult is when these guys deploy clever battle tactics by communicating with their telepathy abilities...
The experience of one body will become the experience of the whole, and then they start reconstructing their genes one after another...


The Shahar, who made certain that they could take on mankind, had began to invade all at once...
It was the beginning of a bloody war that lasted for 2 years...

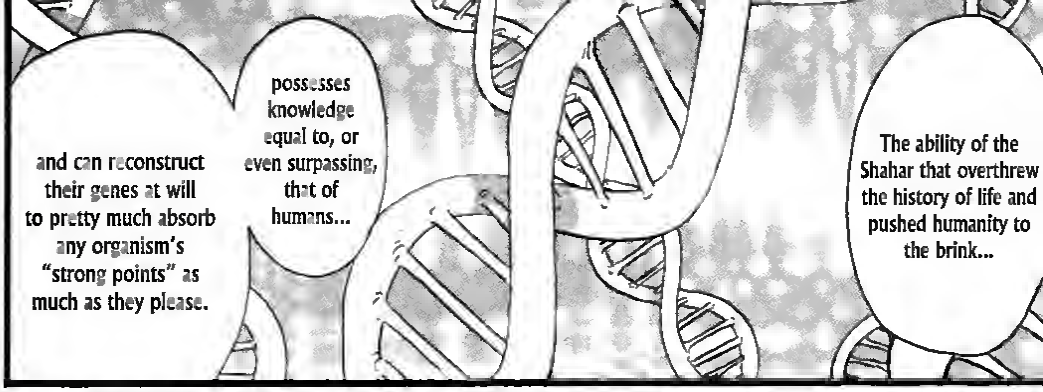

There seems to mainly be 10 types of military forces within the Shahar...
although, depending on the environment the nest adapts to, there are a couple variations...
There is a type identified that uses a mysterious system where they don't utilize air power to fly as well...


However, we were able to learn that this telepathy holds a certain frequency wave and can be neutralized by electronic jamming.
While under this jamming, their gene reconstruction can be prevented and they won't be able to "evolve" either.
So therefore, artificial islands were built in the Pacific and Atlantic to block off the telepathy.....
so the only enemy that pass through here are pretty much just a gigantic bug.

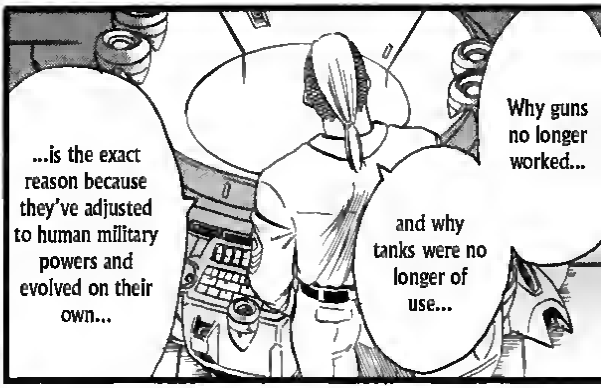
This is how we were able to seal them off in the American continents...
and the rest, our job WAS to take down the few enemies that passed this defense line but...

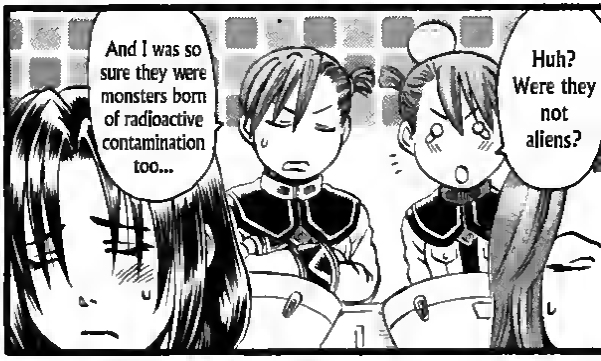
For everyone except you this is all just a review, you know...
I...I'm sorry ...I don't understand at all...
Well, then again...
Tsk! How pesky..
Good good, just a little bit more...
Are you following Tsukahara...?
umm... umm... The GHC had a biohazard and...huh? What was the GHC...?
I am extremely displeased at the...
Mraaaagh!! I cannot accept this! This is not fair!!
!
FLAP FLAP
Oh!! Hey!! What are you doing!?
...there are those that don't bother to listen from the start now too...
YES!! Dinner is mine!
And so I was just talking about the enemy we are about to fight...

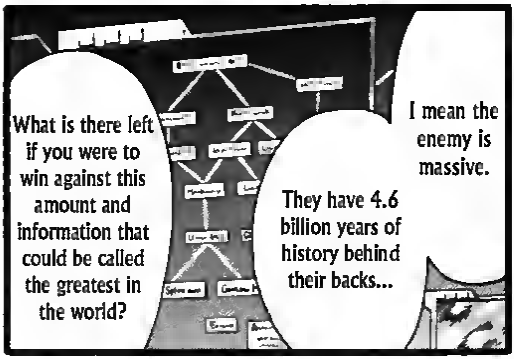
Honestly, I don't want to explain complicated stuff either.
That's right, for example...
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE
Tsukahara, can you fly?
THERE !!
GONK
SHUT THEM UP TSUBURAYA.
YEEK !?
Do you know what that means?
Uhhm...? er...
Whether a bird or a bat or insect or an organism that went extinct long ago...
They could get a hold of the best aviation method depending on the situation within just a number of days...
Um no...
?
Right.
However THEY could, if they have the need to, grow wings on their backs and fly...
The evolution that the history of life spent a few million years to establish, only within a few days...
They search for the keyword to 'fly' from that massive library called genes, and they "evolve" right on the spot...
They possess the enormous amount of genetic data that had been collected from the world of nature...


The ability of the Shahar that overthrew the history of life and pushed humanity to the brink...
possesses knowledge equal to, or even surpassing, that of humans...
and can reconstruct their genes at will to pretty much absorb any organism's "strong points" as much as they please.

But...
Doesn't that mean that's really bad...
That's right...
and now that's where we get into the main subject...


Why guns no longer worked...
and why tanks were no longer of use...
...is the exact reason because they've adjusted to human military powers and evolved on their own...

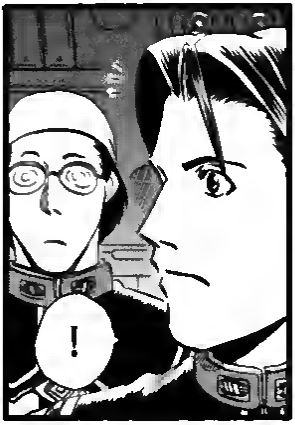

Huh? Were they not aliens?
And I was so sure they were monsters born of radioactive contamination too...


I mean the enemy is massive.
They have 4.6 billion years of history behind their backs...
What is there left if you were to win against this amount and information that could be called the greatest in the world?

We need to win against guys like that...
Now Tsukahara, what would YOU do?

...You sometimes say stuff that sure hits the nail on the head...
Well that story will be for a little later though...

the greatest in the universe?
...uh.. .....
Yeah right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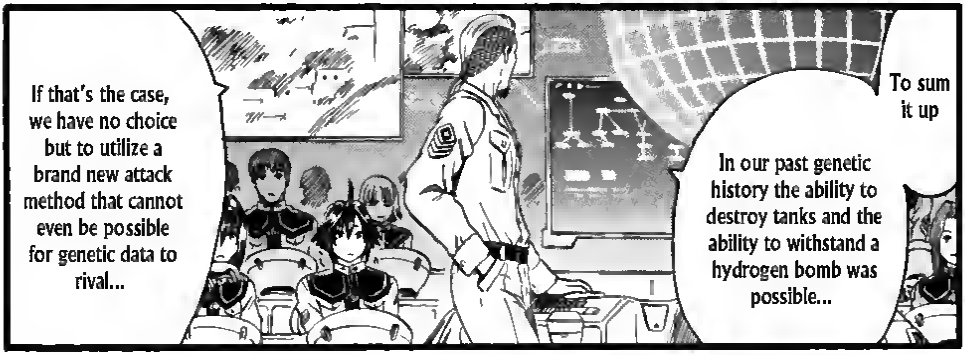
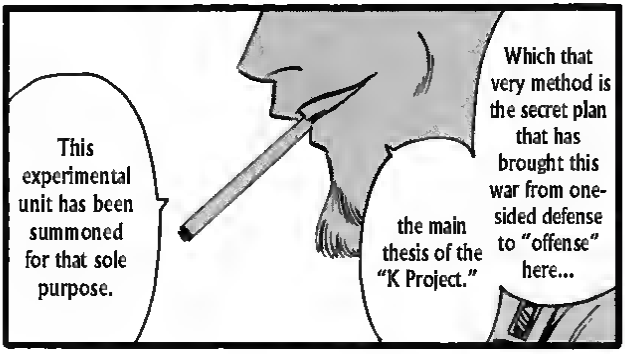
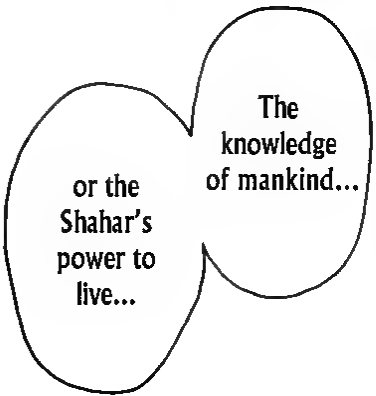
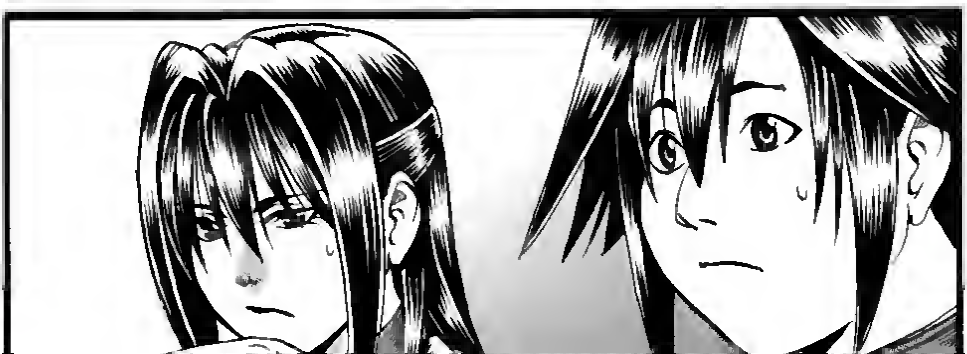

If that's the case, we have no choice but to utilize a brand new attack method that cannot even be possible for genetic data to rival...
To sum it up
In our past genetic history the ability to destroy tanks and the ability to withstand a hydrogen bomb was possible...

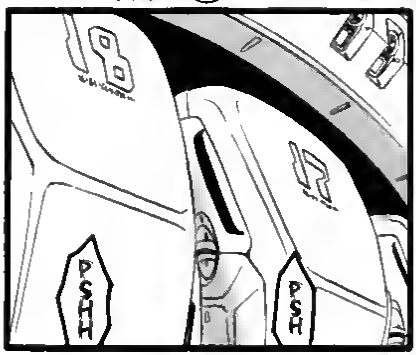

This experimental unit has been summoned for that sole purpose.
the main thesis of the "K Project."
Which that very method is the secret plan that has brought this war from one-sided defense to "offense" here...


The knowledge of mankind...
or the Shahar's power to live...

IT'S A LIFE OR DEATH "RACE FOR SURVIVAL."
IF IT WERE ME, I'D SAY THIS ISN'T A "WAR"...

that's all there is to it.....
We, as one organism, will just eliminate the Shahar...

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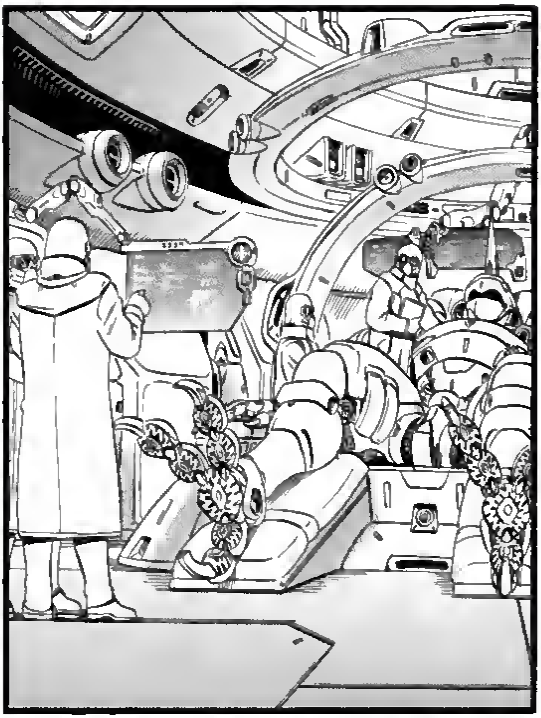

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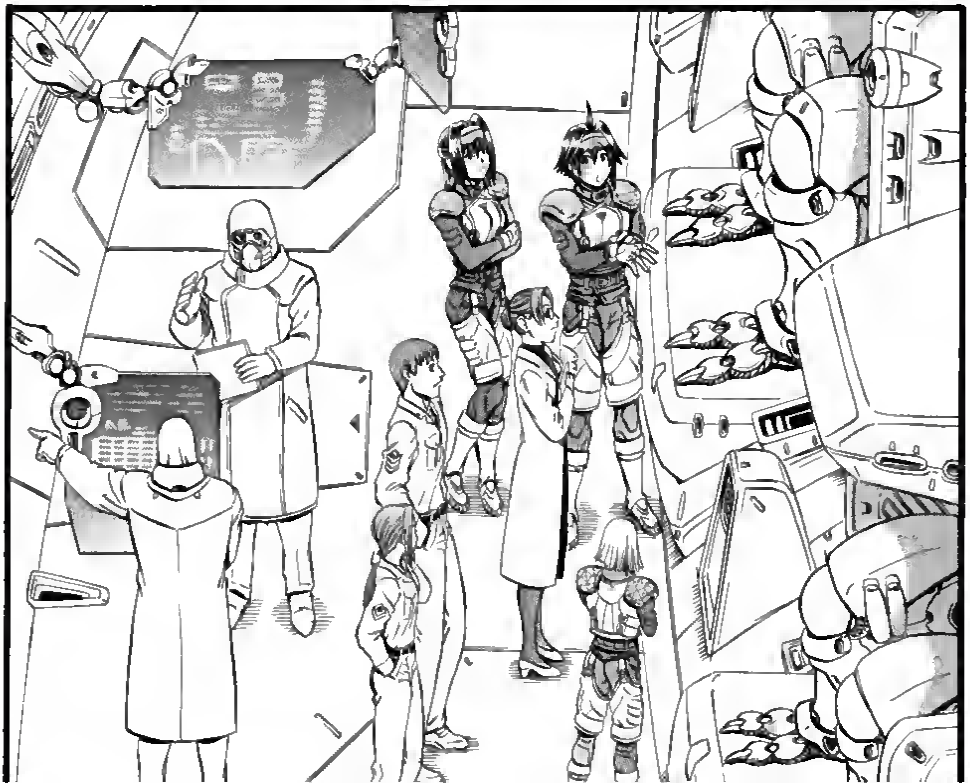
ウィィ…ン



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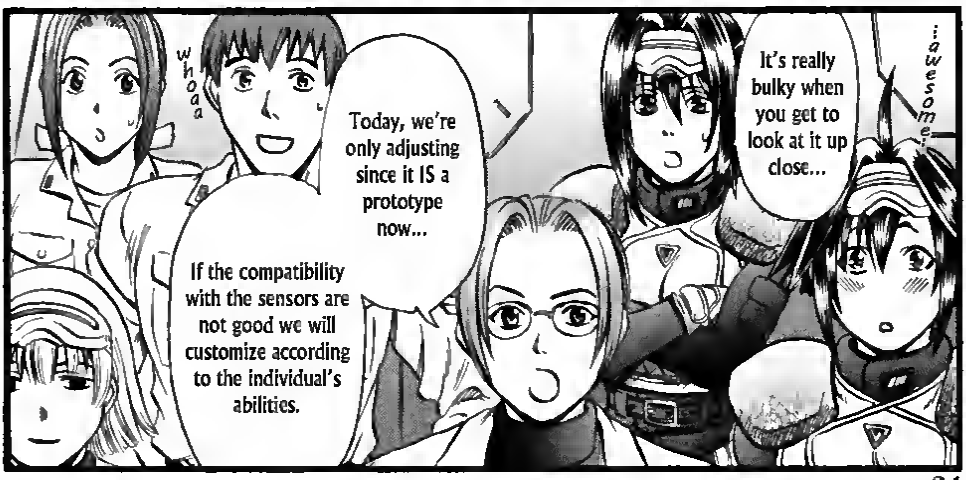
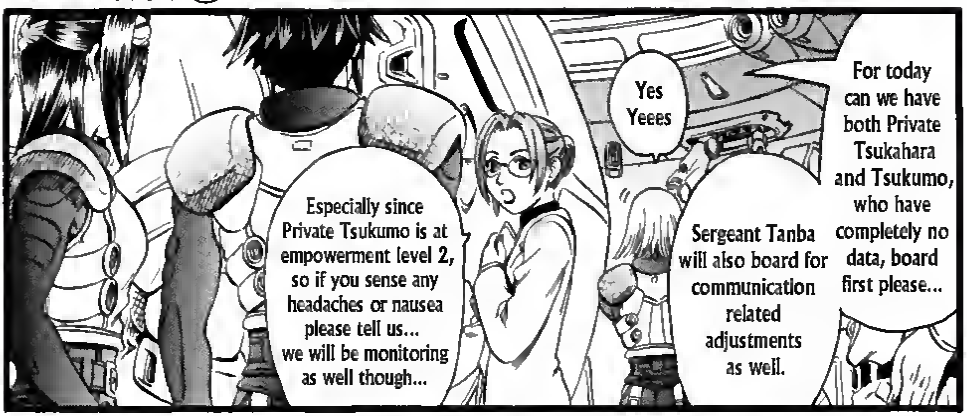
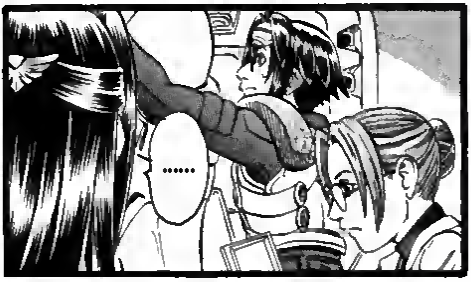

Today, we're only adjusting since it IS a prototype now...
If the compatibility with the sensors are not good we will customize according to the individual's abilities.
whoaa
It's really bulky when you get to look at it up close...
awesome!


Yes
Yeees
For today can we have both Private Tsukahara and Tsukumo, who have completely no data, board first please...
Sergeant Tanba will also board for communication related adjustments as well.
Especially since Private Tsukumo is at empowerment level 2, so if you sense any headaches or nausea please tell us... we will be monitoring as well though...

CLUNK
About level 3.
Now..... up, up.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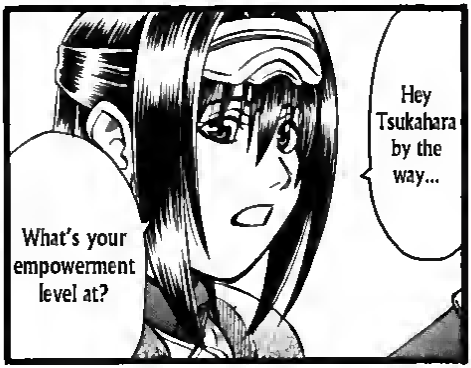
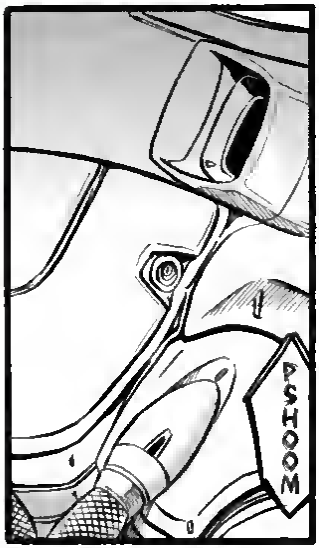

Hey Tsukahara by the way...
What's your empowerment level at?

Huh?
Uhm...
I dunno?

Ummm... This is the control panel and the ejection lever and...this...is the manual switch to switch over and...
New materials are quite somethin' huh.
Even though they're built in great detail, it's pretty sturdy.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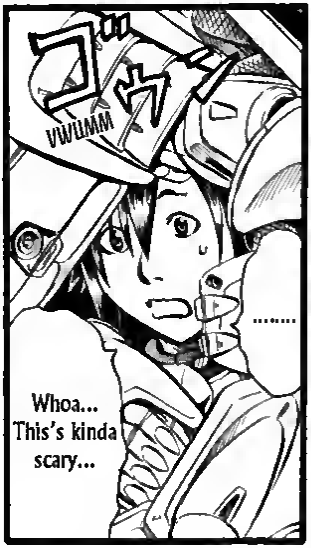
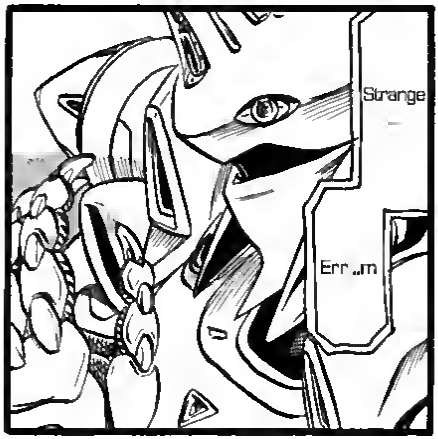
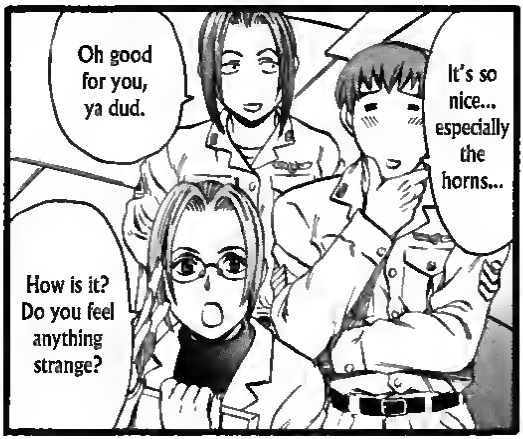

VWUMM
Whoa... This's kinda scary...
.....

Alright, now punch in the code and start up please.
If it's all green, then close the hatch...

What's wrong? Private Tsukumo...
Owww... My head hurts...
hmm...
It's a little tight, but I.....don't think I feel oppression.
How about you Private Tsukahara?
Wha-? Ooh... Oh yeah... It didn't bother me too much...
To be able to see 360° in every direction directly through your brain feels creepy...
Let's cut down Private Tsukumo's eyesight to half.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
Now try standing up please.
It's my best piece of work, the radar-sense.
Private Tsukumo, you are adaptable to the ears more than your eyes it seems.
This's the first time it's been taken in.
Besides that the ears feel pretty good.
It's as if I could "see" the sound...
VEEM

GWOMP

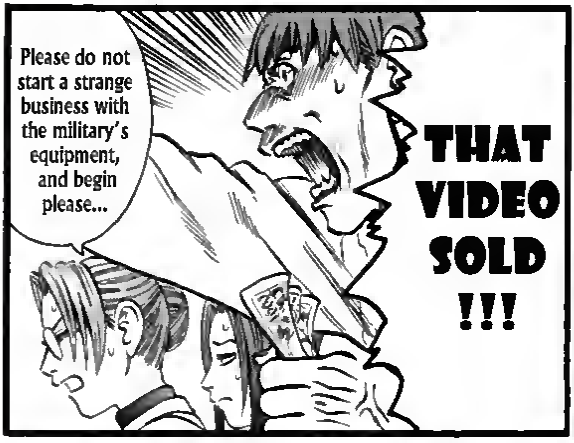

Strange
Err ..m

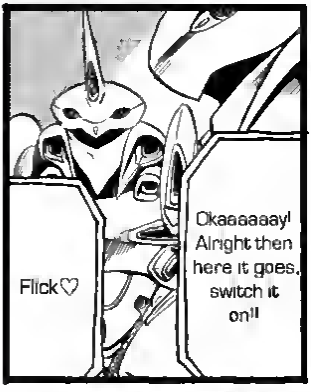

Oh good for you, ya dud.
It's so nice... especially the horns...
How is it? Do you feel anything strange?

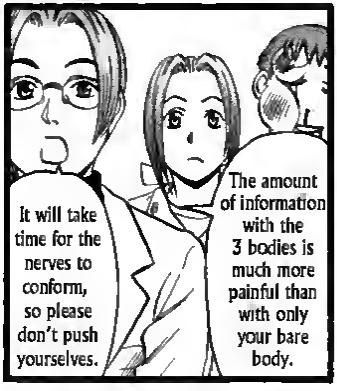
KA SHA SHA SHA
BOFF
BOFF
BOFF
WHOA!!!
A...A huge thing like that and I still couldn't see a single blow...
How about your side, Private Tsukahara?
.....
Feelin' good... It really feels like it's my own body...
and there isn't much noise...
Um... nothing...in particular
Nothing on the monitor either...
Then next, the communications...
It's lorin's ti—me♡
It's your cupid that connects everyone's heart to heart
Yeeeees♡ It's what everyone's been waiting for!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU STOPPPP, GOD DAMMIT!!
OH! Takechi-kun would you like to see Tsukumo-sen's extreme video part two?
Reeeeally You're going to say things like that to a higher officer...

Oh... Don't give me that face please...
Tsukumo-san, do you perhaps not like me?
No...it's not really that but...
when you come in I get like a bad feeling...


Please do not start a strange business with the military's equipment, and begin please...
THAT VIDEO SOLD !!!

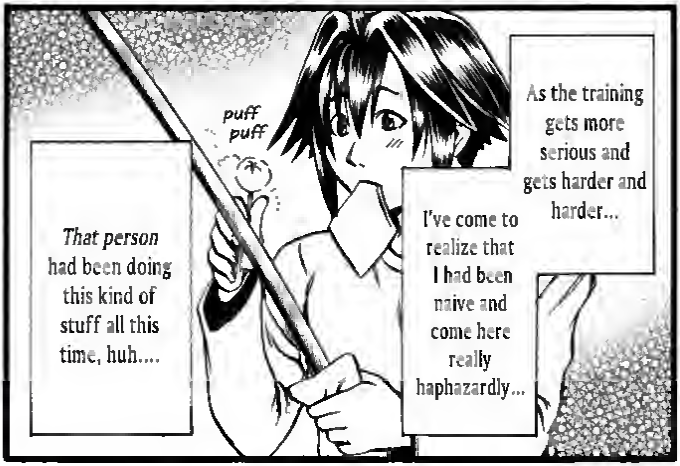

Flick♡
Okaaaaaay! Alright then here it goes, switch it on!!

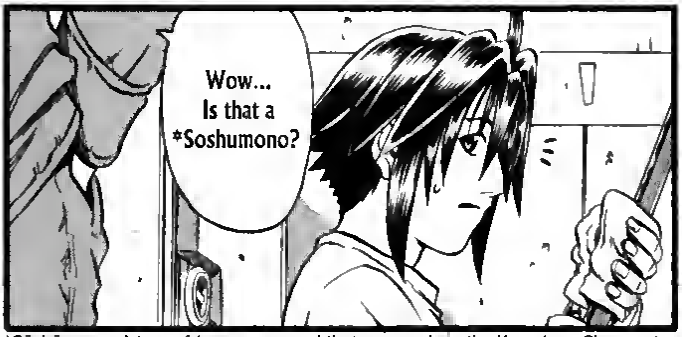

It will take time for the nerves to conform, so please don't push yourselves.
The amount of information with the 3 bodies is much more painful than with only your bare body.

Nnnn... Okay I'll stop picking on my cute little newbie team members now...
so at first I'll link the 3 of us, okay?
HEY.

ZAP

M-My head's all messed up...
M-My head's spinning ...
...I guess 12 eyes and ears sharper than a bat's for 3 people's worth was a little difficult to start with...
AAAAGH!!!
You okay? Takechi ...
I...I think I might be getting a fever...
Aren't we such a baby .....you two.
You know I could take 20 people's worth?
Y...You're definitely not human.
Now... then
Okazaki-san .....
I was very surprised.....
You shouldn't be reading through the P5 files on your own.
Don't tell anyone of this...
His empower-ment level...
is higher than mine, huh....


puff puff
That person had been doing this kind of stuff all this time, huh....
I've come to realize that I had been naive and come here really haphazardly...
As the training gets more serious and gets harder and harder...

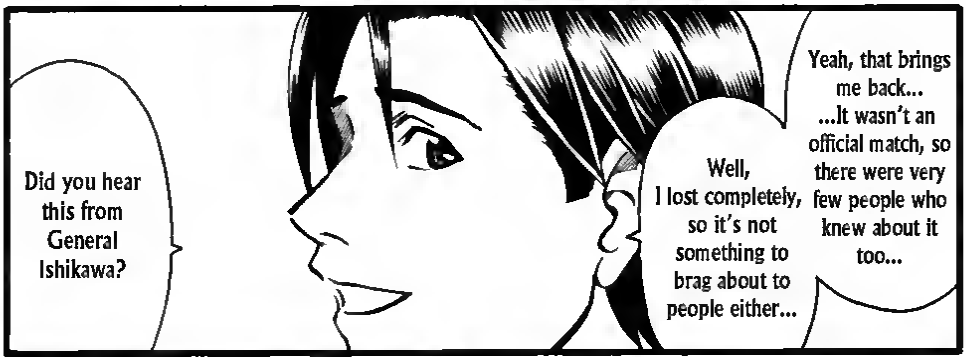


*Sōshūmono - A type of Japanese sword that was made in the Kamakura Shogunate era by the sword-smiths school of the Sagami Province.

Yeah
It's my dad's though...
CHK
Did you bring it from home?
That wasn't supplied here right?

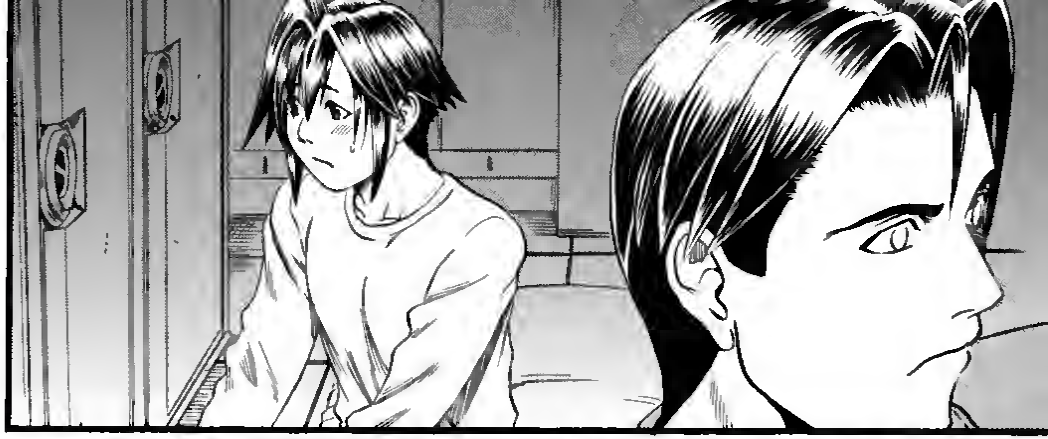
I've heard. You challenged the world champion, right?
It's no brand name though.
Me too... I've been doing Kendo for some time now...

Oh... Captain...


Did you hear this from General Ishikawa?
Well, I lost completely, so it's not something to brag about to people either...
Yeah, that brings me back... ...It wasn't an official match, so there were very few people who knew about it too...

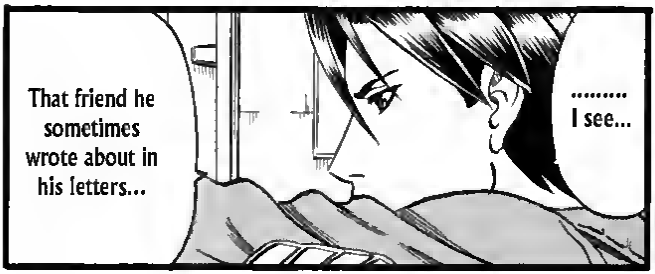
from Yorozu.

No...



I was... in the same hospital with him for a long time...
I wasn't trying to hide it but...
it was just hard to get it out...

.....from Yorozu?


That friend he sometimes wrote about in his letters...
..... I see...

.....
My grand-father...
You heard he was a Doctor of Agriculture right?

I'm sorry... You said before you wanted to forget already...
No... it's fine...

My grandfather always told me he wanted to put a stop to that...
He wanted to create a new crop that would always bear fruit and adapts to any kind of harsh environment...
He says by helping to recover the world of nature while sustaining human profits will lead to the world's stability and peace....

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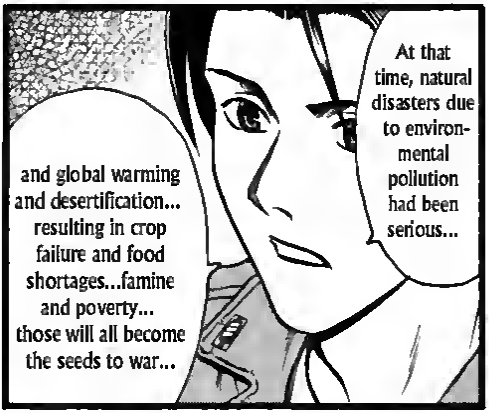
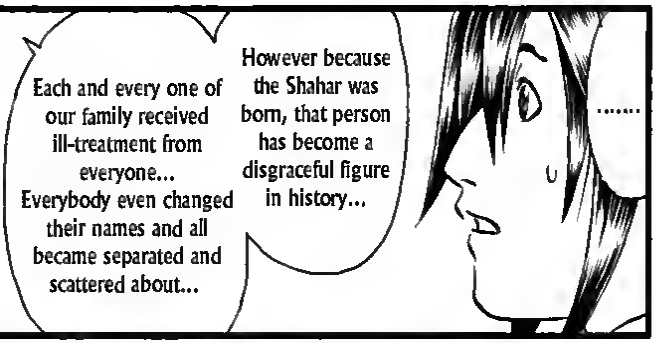
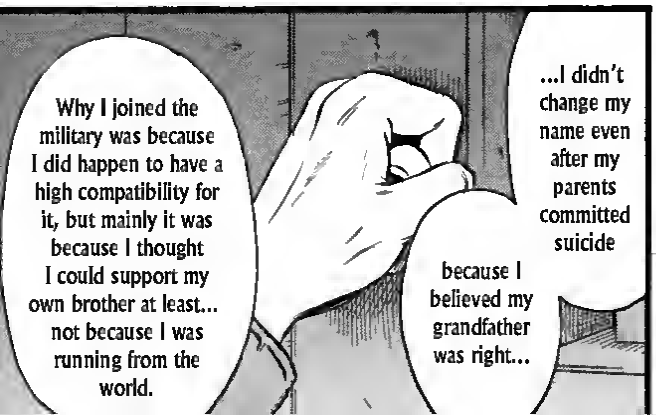
Yes...

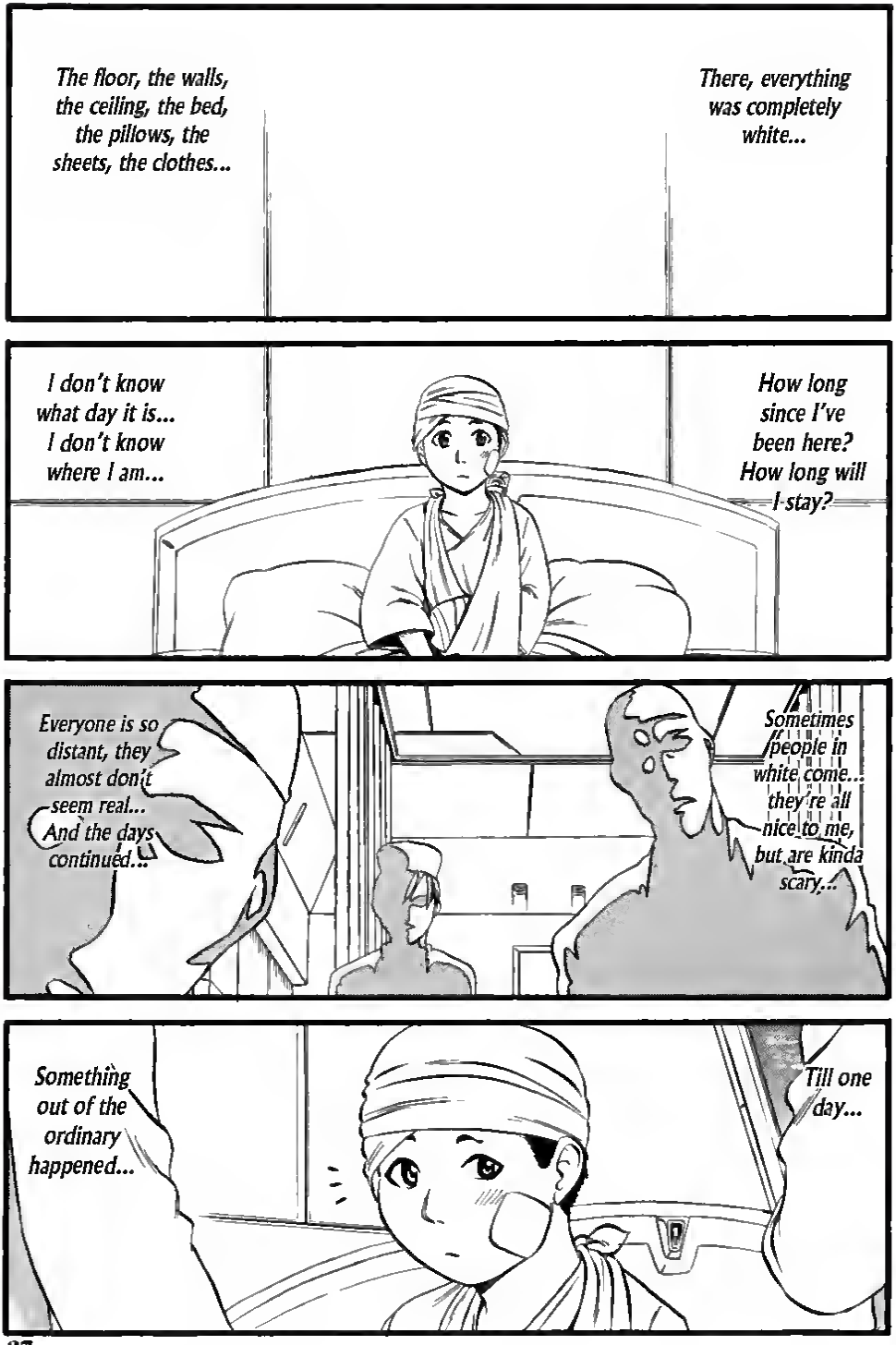

At that time, natural disasters due to environmental pollution had been serious...
and global warming and desertification... resulting in crop failure and food shortages...famine and poverty... those will all become the seeds to war...


.....
However because the Shahar was born, that person has become a disgraceful figure in history...
Each and every one of our family received ill-treatment from everyone... Everybody even changed their names and all became separated and scattered about...

I've thought before that...
"This person"
"is doing the most honorable job in the world"
...

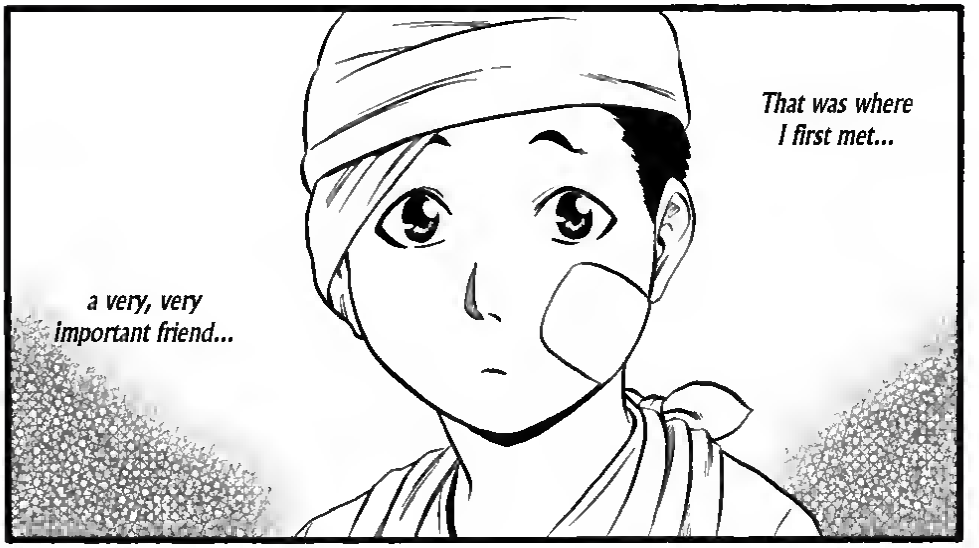

...I didn't change my name even after my parents committed suicide
because I believed my grandfather was right...
Why I joined the military was because I did happen to have a high compatibility for it, but mainly it was because I thought I could support my own brother at least... not because I was running from the world.

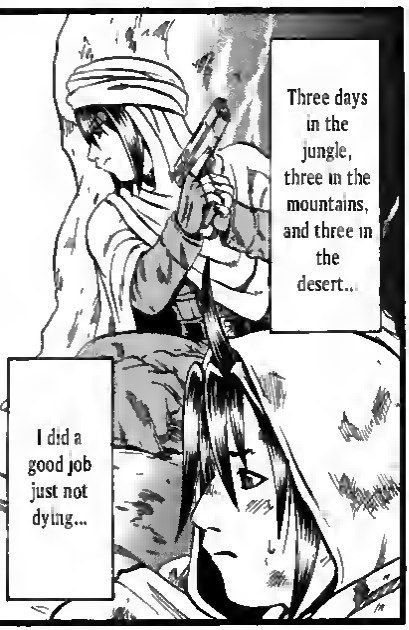
I wanted to protect...
At least Yorozu .....
I never would've thought that I, who's on the battlefield...
would outlive my brother and he would go before me...


The floor, the walls, the ceiling, the bed, the pillows, the sheets, the clothes...
There, everything was completely white...
I don't know what day it is... I don't know where I am...
How long since I've been here? How long will I stay?
Everyone is so distant, they almost don't seem real... And the days continued...
Sometimes people in white come... they're all nice to me, but are kinda scary...
Something out of the ordinary happened...
Till one day...

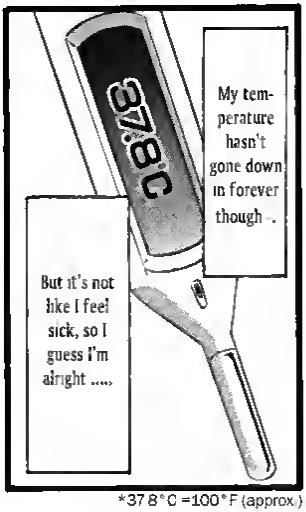
HEAVEN'S BLADEWORK

PHASE:7 小鳥丸





yawwn
I got my first good night's sleep in a long time last night.
The basic strength and field combat tests I've been suffering through for these past few days finally ended...



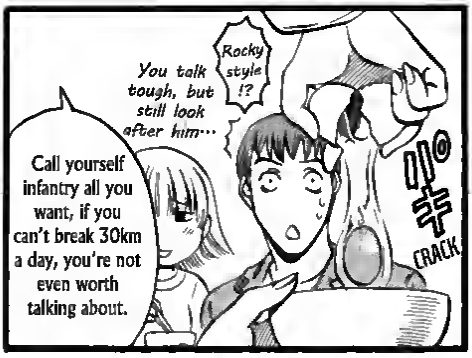
*37.8°C =100°F (approx.)

Whoa!!
I thought it'd be impossible, but...
In the end I was able to keep up with everyone... Did I always have this much stamina...?
I can flex my pecs!!
BBAM

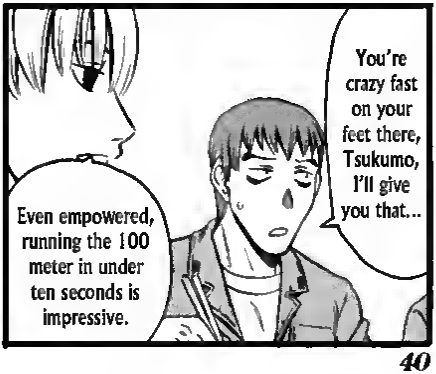
No carrots plea
Bon appétit!!!

He's still fatally lacking in stamina...
CRIK
No matter how much "better" he's gotten...
As for you, I'm not too sure about that method of cracking eggs...

Well everyone's been worn out, so...
And my stomach wants nothing to do with it...
W-We finally get some real food for once...
Well, aren't you looking well...
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
Bon appétit? That's already your sixth bowl
But yeah, Tsukahara-kun has made progress fast...


You talk tough, but still look after him...
Rocky style !?
Call yourself infantry all you want, if you can't break 30km a day, you're not even worth talking about.
CRACK

A soldier's legs are her life, you know.
nom nom
Even back when I was just a kid, I had braggin' rights as "fastest one in school."


You're crazy fast on your feet there, Tsukumo, I'll give you that...
Even empowered, running the 100 meter in under ten seconds is impressive.

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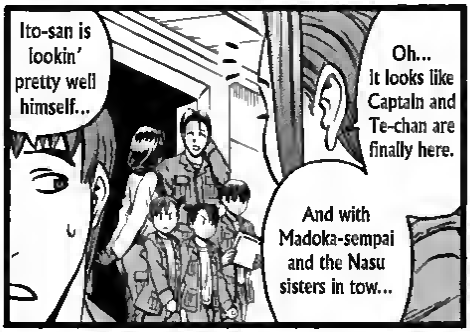
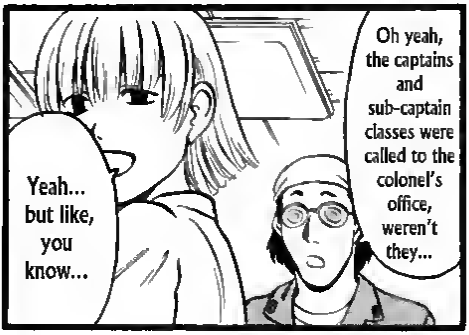
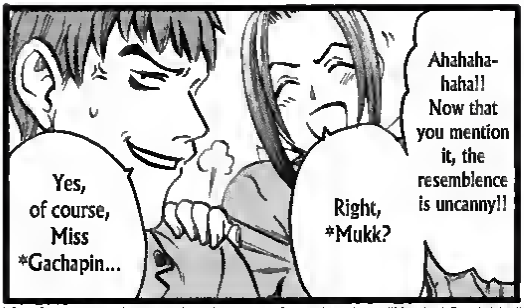
In one go too!?
ごっ
GULP
And I haven't lost a race but once, either!
woow...
H-How manly...

?

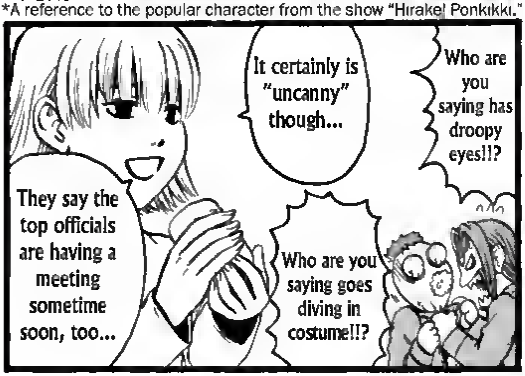
Looking at that... see?
Doesn't it remind you of something?
Of what?


Ito-san is lookin' pretty well himself...
Oh... It looks like Captain and Te-chan are finally here.
And with Madoka-sempai and the Nasu sisters in tow...

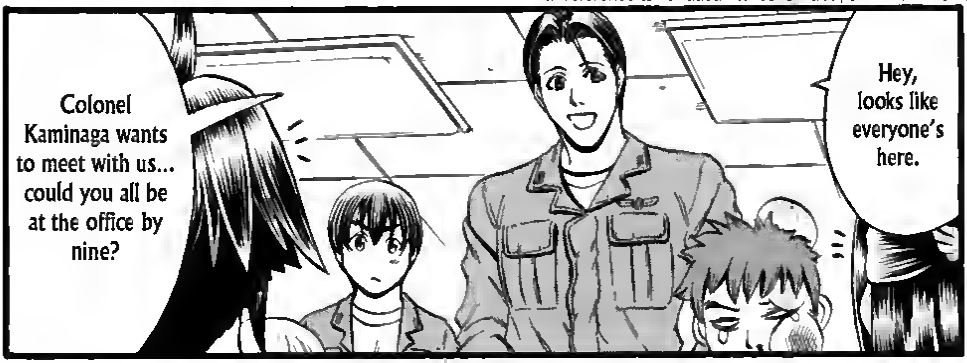

Oh yeah, the captains and sub-captain classes were called to the colonel's office, weren't they...
Yeah... but like, you know...



*A reference to the popular character from the show "Hirake! Ponkikki."


They say the top officials are having a meeting sometime soon, too...
It certainly is "uncanny" though...
Who are you saying has droopy eyes!!?
Who are you saying goes diving in costume!!?

*In reference to "Okaasan to Issho," a Japanese children's TV show.



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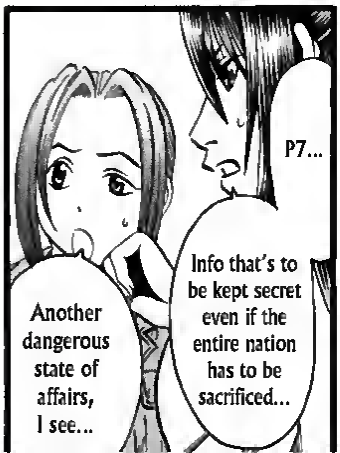
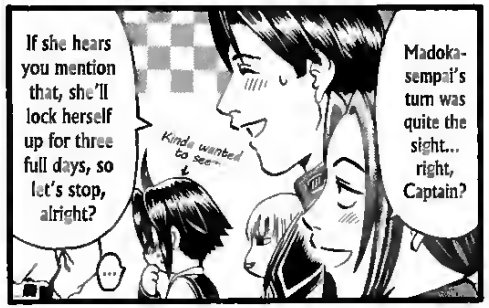


the first peek of the "K Project."
Could it be...about that thing we used in Hawaii?
Yeah...
Today, everyone will see for the first time...
Excuse us, sir.
Come on in.
Alright, first...
Take a look at this.
!!
This... is the K Project?

ISN'T OUR FORCE'S VICTORY JUST OBVIOUS!?
Whaddya think, which one should we go with...?
NG NEW
DEFENSE
EMBERS!!
SAGAMI SHOGUNATE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR!!
YEAR 2052
RECRUITING NEW SAMURAI-DEFENSE FORCE MEMBERS!!
SAGAMI SHOGUNATE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
'THEY' COME AT US IN SWARMS!!
YEAR 2052
RECRUITING NEW SAMURAI-DEFENSE FORCE MEMBERS!!
SAGAMI SHOGUNATE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
Next year's "Samurai" -Defense Force recruitment posters...

Oh, it's your turn next year.
N' YOU CAN GO TO HELL !!!
Is this army going to be all right?

I can't believe I'm related to THAT... No, I must've been adopted yes...
Just my taste.
Oh, yes, young women are so nice...
Hahaha... boys will be boys...


If she hears you mention that, she'll lock herself up for three full days, so let's stop, alright?
Kinda wanted to see...
Madoka-sempai's turn was quite the sight... right, Captain?

Someone from the clerical staff I hear, don't know any details though.
Is there something that says the model has to be from the inside?
Huh? This is someone from the Samurai Force?
Dammit... So she's not in the armoured infantry...

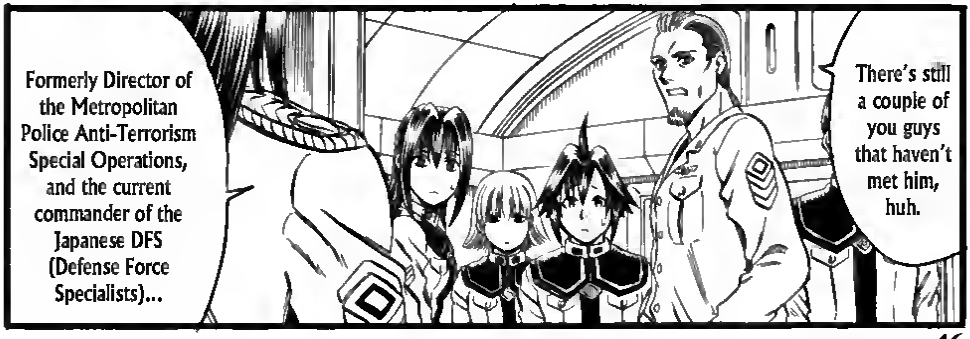
Or more like, who is this!? What squad is she from!?
Whoa!! They came out with new ones!!
Well YOU DO own the whole series...
Looks like a beer ad...
I'm surprised they actually take out a budget for this every year...
A moron, a big ole moron...

No... It's just... Gotta live some, y'know...
NOW, YOU AREN'T GONNA TELL ME THIS WAS WHAT P7 WAS...ARE YOU?
Hey, it's important, right? Advertising strategies...
Eh?

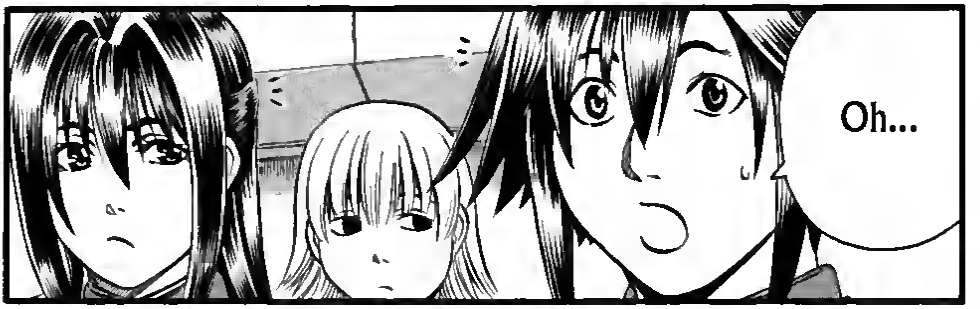
Well, leaving all that aside...
WHAT A MAN!!
Morons... I'm surrounded by morons..
Ha ha ha boys will be boys...
This middle one is clearly the best!!

Humorless as ever, I see...
This is why I don't like government officials...

Is the opening act finished already?
I'd like to move on to the real matter at hand...


Formerly Director of the Metropolitan Police Anti-Terrorism Special Operations, and the current commander of the Japanese DFS (Defense Force Specialists)...
There's still a couple of you guys that haven't met him, huh.

Major General Ishikawa.


Oh...

Well then, I'd like to get started without further ado.
Why we called you all here today is to show you this...

Y... Yes, sir...
It's been a long time.
What's this, you knew someone in the forces all this time?

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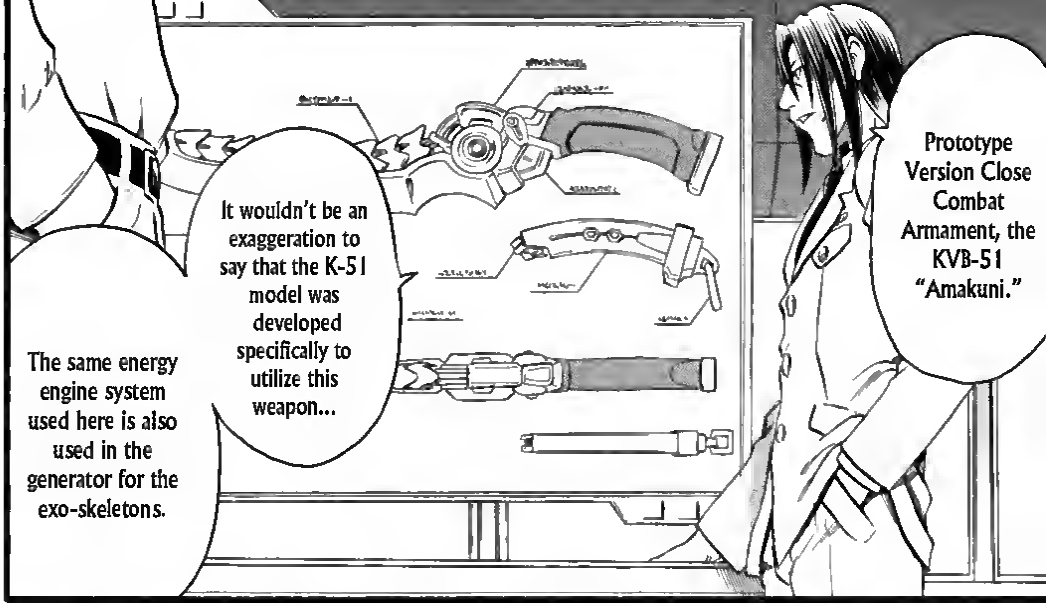
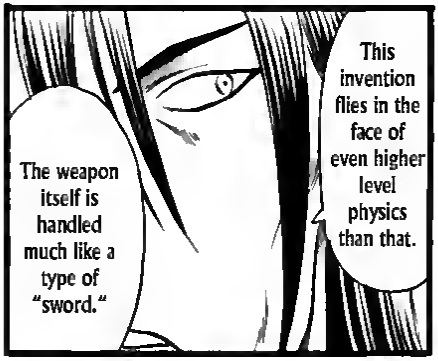
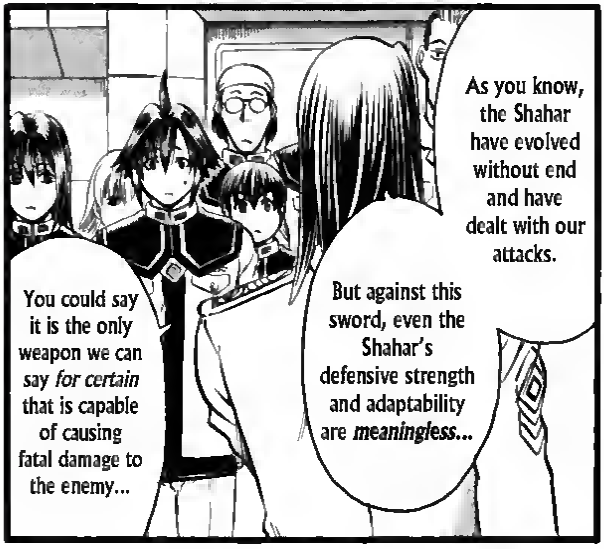
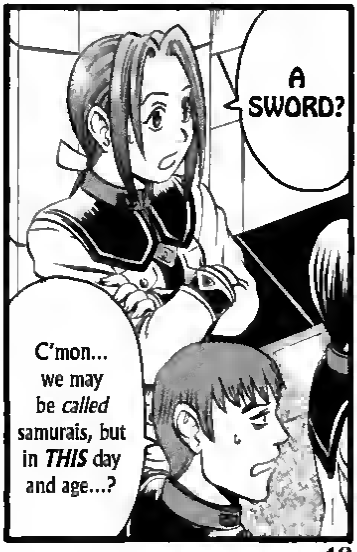
You seem to be well...

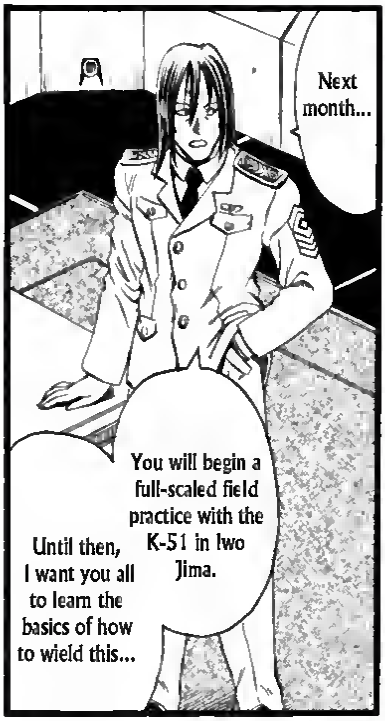

Prototype Version Close Combat Armament, the KVB-51 "Amakuni."
It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the K-51 model was developed specifically to utilize this weapon...
The same energy engine system used here is also used in the generator for the exo-skeletons.

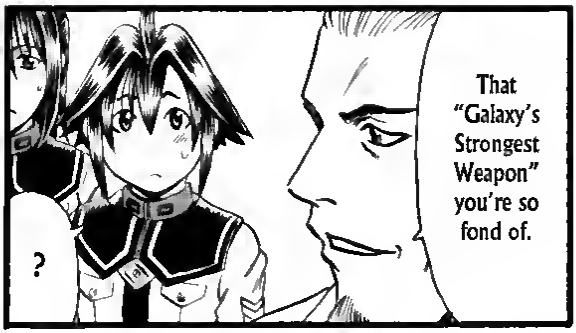

This invention flies in the face of even higher level physics than that.
The weapon itself is handled much like a type of "sword."

An energy weapon?
Don't tell me it's nuclear...


As you know, the Shahar have evolved without end and have dealt with our attacks.
But against this sword, even the Shahar's defensive strength and adaptability are ***meaningless***...
You could say it is the only weapon we can say *for certain* that is capable of causing fatal damage to the enemy...


A SWORD?
C'mon... we may be *called* samurais, but in ***THIS*** day and age...?


Next month...
You will begin a full-scaled field practice with the K-51 in Iwo Jima.
Until then, I want you all to learn the basics of how to wield this...


That "Galaxy's Strongest Weapon" you're so fond of.
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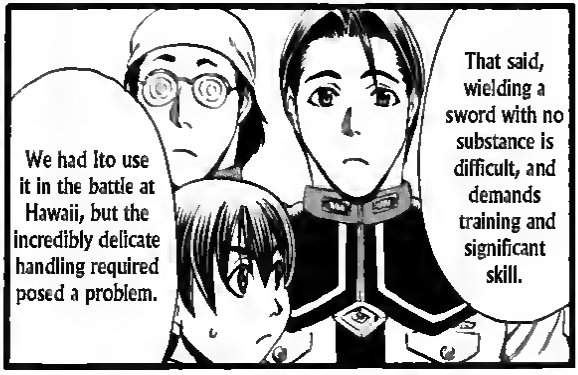
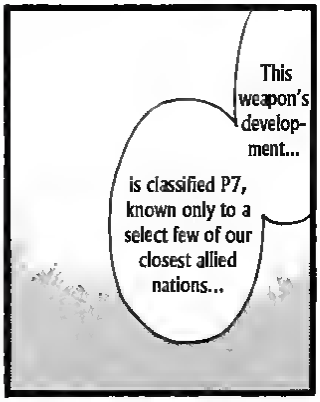
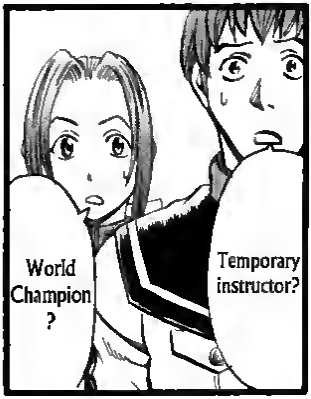
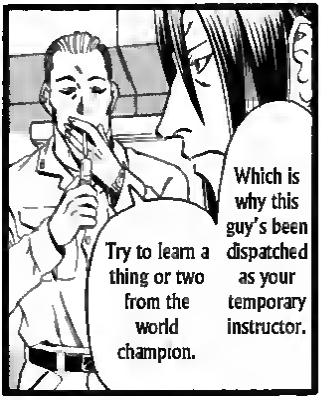
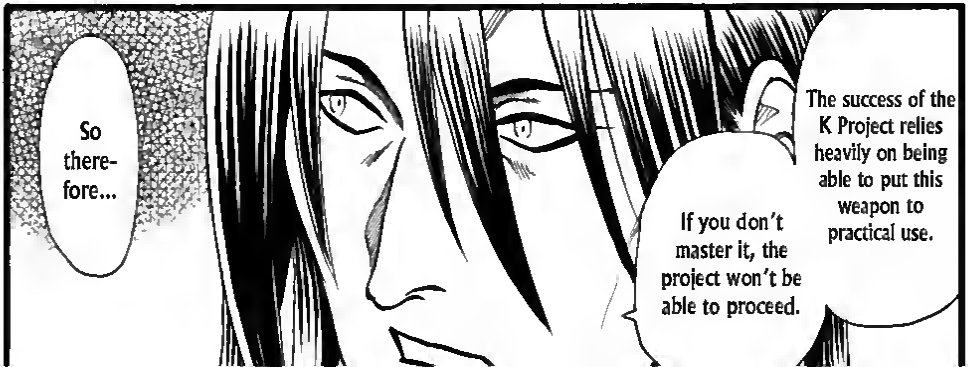
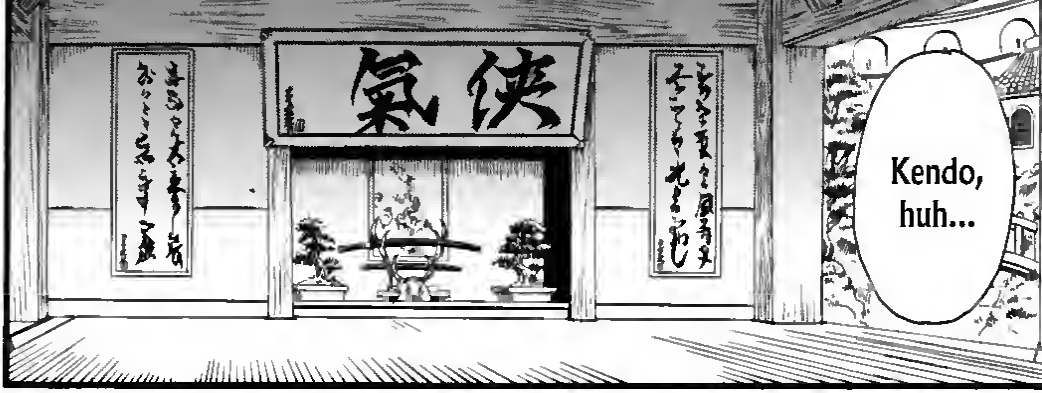

That said, wielding a sword with no substance is difficult, and demands training and significant skill.
We had Ito use it in the battle at Hawaii, but the incredibly delicate handling required posed a problem.


This weapon's develop-ment...
is classified P7, known only to a select few of our closest allied nations...


Temporary instructor?
World Champion ?


Which is why this guy's been dispatched as your temporary instructor.
Try to learn a thing or two from the world champion.

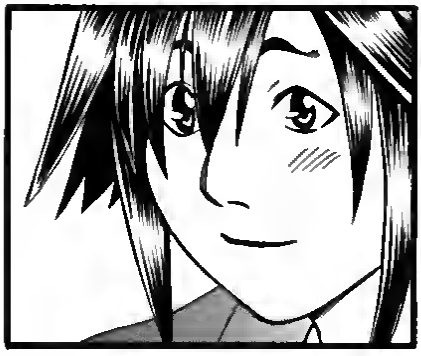

So there-fore...
If you don't master it, the project won't be able to proceed.
The success of the K Project relies heavily on being able to put this weapon to practical use.



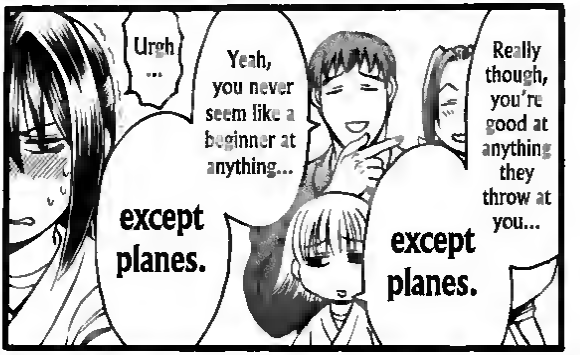
Snake Eyes?
The two buildings we're in now, that form the core of the Samurai Force... From above they look like somebody rolled a pair of snake eyes, right?

We were issued a katana and had to get our 1st *dan when we enlisted, but...
I never thought we'd use it for actual combat...
But still, that they even bothered to build a garden like this in the Snake Eyes...
I wanna know how they decide what to spend all this money on.

*Dan - is a ranking system used for kendo, equivalent to x[th] degree black belts.

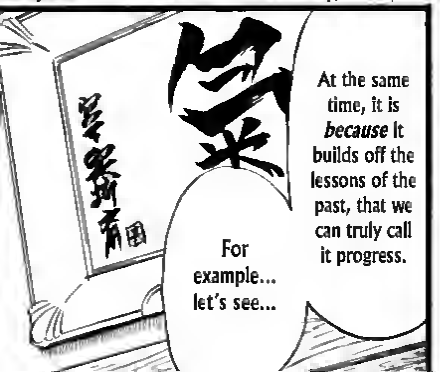


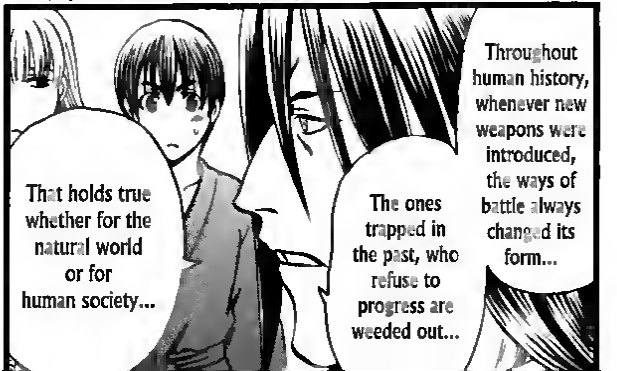
What we'll be using is a bit different than normal Kendo, or even actual combat *kenjutsu...
What is important is to learn how to deal with a larger number of foes, while using a sword without substance.
We are using this training as a base, but we'll eventually have the need to break away from the original form according to actual battle...
For the sakes of everyone who will follow in our footsteps as well, we'll have to create a new style of kenjutsu...

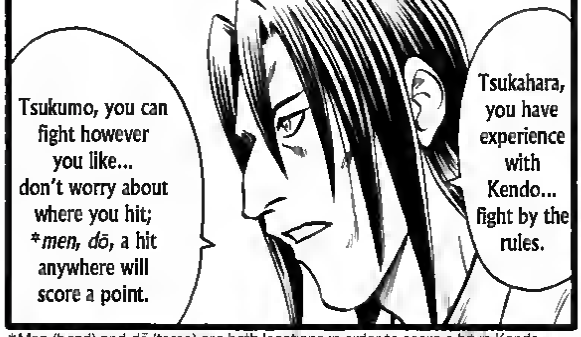

Really though, you're good at anything they throw at you...
except planes.
Yeah, you never seem like a beginner at anything...
except planes.
Urgh ...

...but would this kind of a 'clean' swordplay be of any use in a real fight, though?
Would it really work on the battlefield where anything goes?

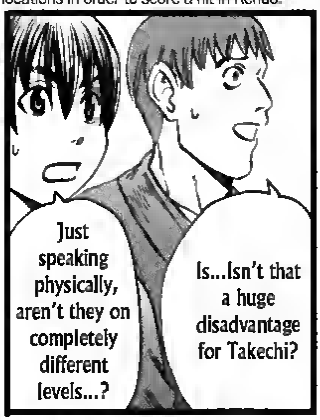
*Kenjutsu - the term for the more traditional type of Japanese swordplay, and it's also the root of kendo.



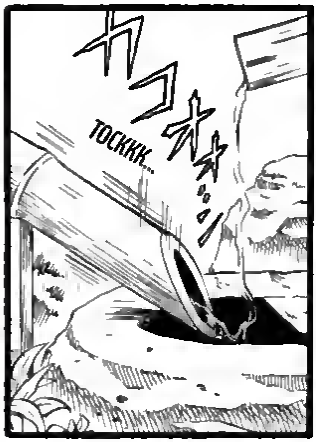

Throughout human history, whenever new weapons were introduced, the ways of battle always changed its form...
The ones trapped in the past, who refuse to progress are weeded out...
That holds true whether for the natural world or for human society...

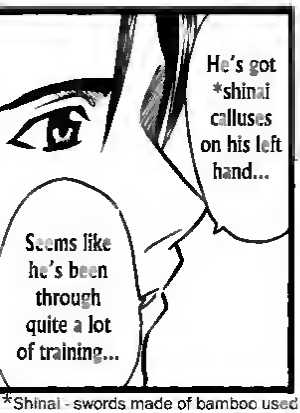

Tsukumo, you can fight however you like... don't worry about where you hit; *men, dō, a hit anywhere will score a point.
Tsukahara, you have experience with Kendo... fight by the rules.

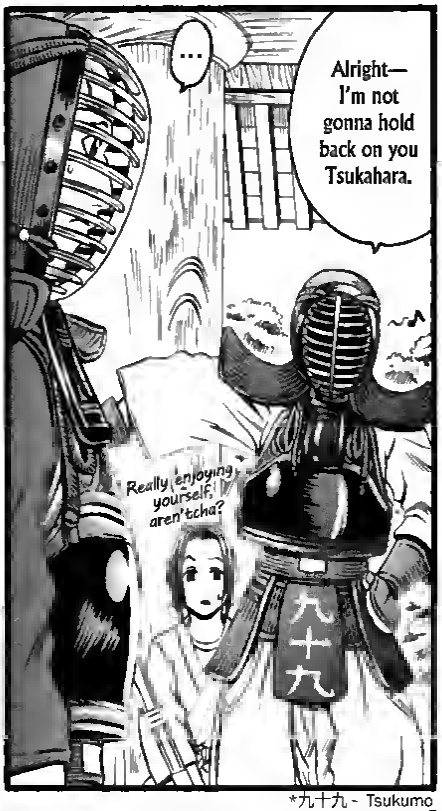
*Men (head) and dō (torso) are both locations in order to score a hit in Kendo.



You sure? Seriously?
It's fine... Go ahead and use those live combat techniques you're so proud of.
S'not on me if I knock him out again.



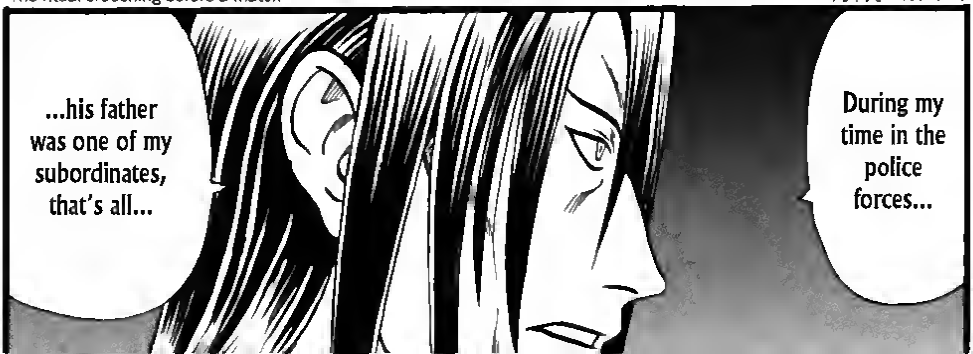


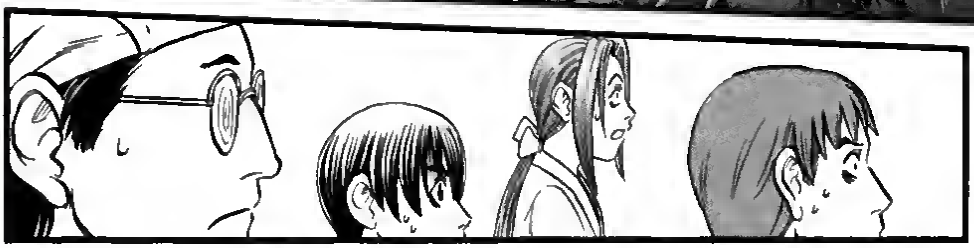


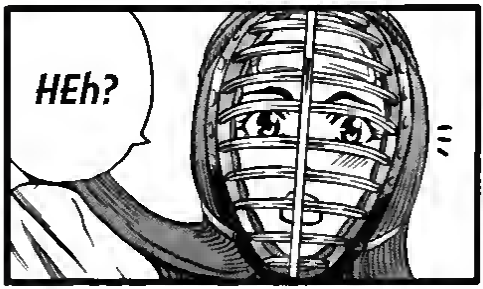
*Shinai - swords made of bamboo used for practice in Kendo.

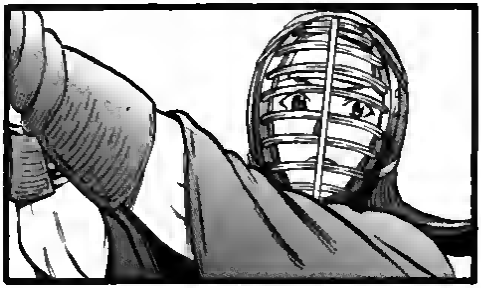
*Sonkyo - The ritual crouching before a match.

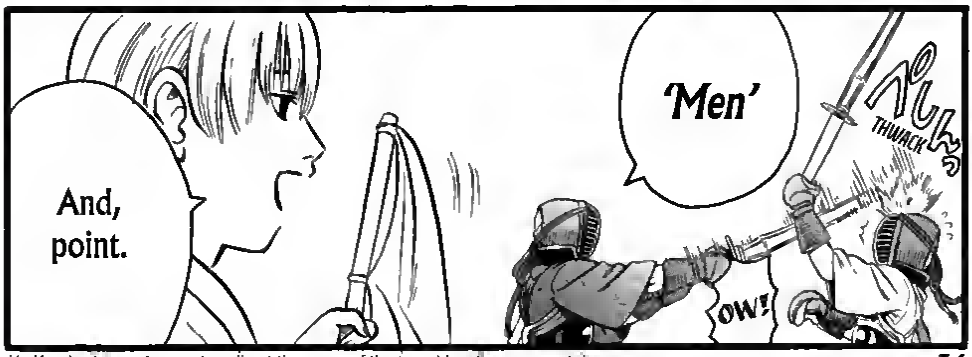
*九十九 - Tsukumo





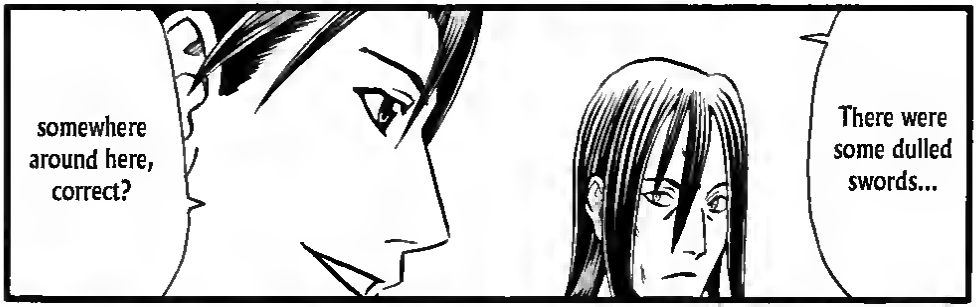




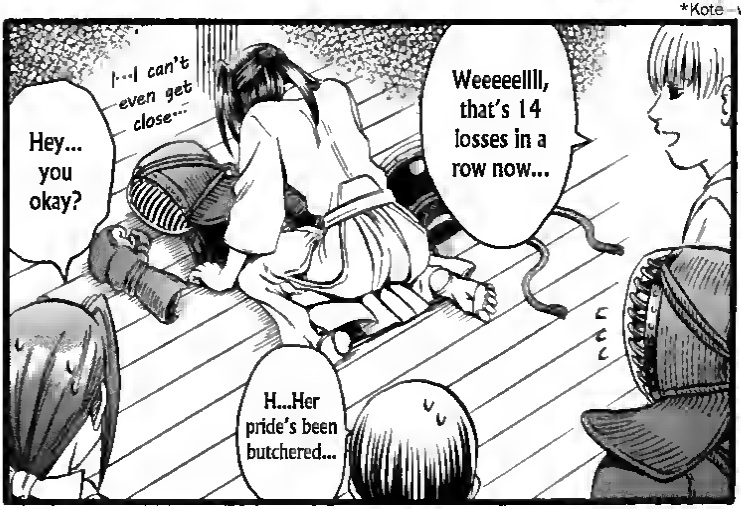


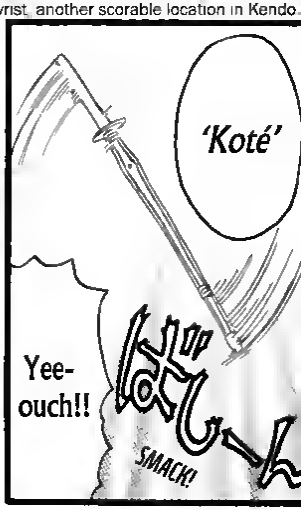
*In Kendo, it is customary to call out the name of the target location as you strike

*Makiotoshi – a technique that knocks the opponent's sword down or away, and then striking
Right then, please begin round two.
YAAAH!!
TMP TMP TMP TMP
What..? ...was that?
Maybe a "Makiotoshi" variant...? I couldn't quite make it out...
No way!!
I just let my guard down a little!!
Oohh? Perhaps it isn't just planes...?
HIYAH!
D-Dangit!! Stop dancing around!!!
Not at all...
HOO!!
HYAH!
a member of the Special Assault Team, then?
FWOOM
FSH
'Under the General' which means...
DIP
DODGE
*Ippon – One point in Kendo
There's the match.
And, *Ippon.
'Dō'
KA-SLAP
ACK!
Just a regular police station's patrol officer...



*Kote--wrist, another scorable location in Kendo.





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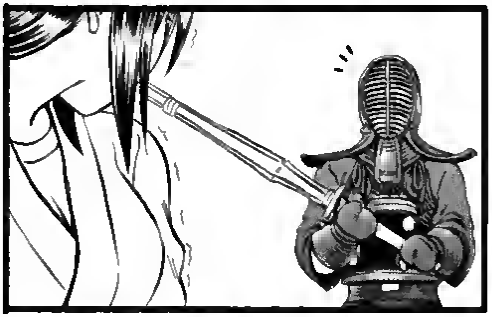
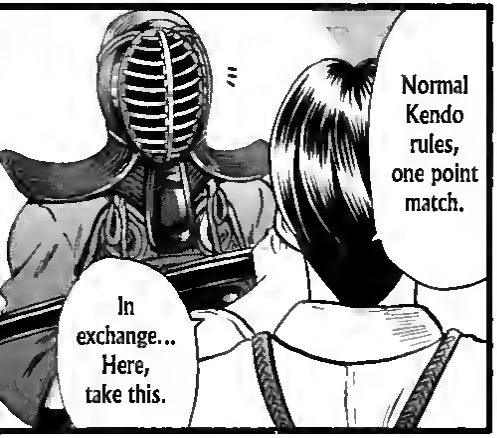
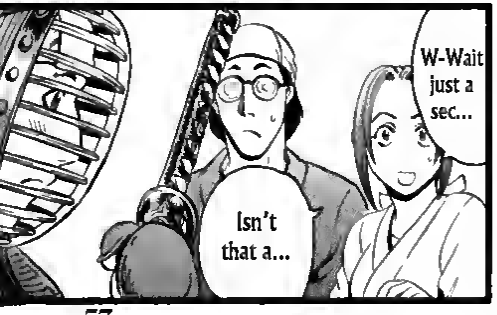



Normal Kendo rules, one point match.
In exchange... Here, take this.


W-Wait just a sec...
Isn't that a...

Tsukahara-kun, have a match with me next.
WAAAAHH!! You better remember this!!
Dash!
Haa-hah, YOU made her cry~

BEGIN!!
Real swords... is the captain serious?
.....
The captain's a 4th dan right? How's this gonna work out?
That's a first, outside of the general or Captain Kurosawa...
Hajime wanting to use a real sword...

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FWSH
SKREEECH
塚原
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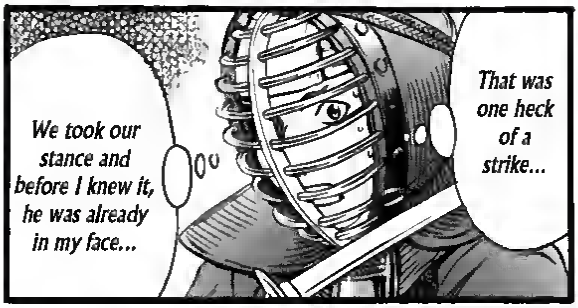
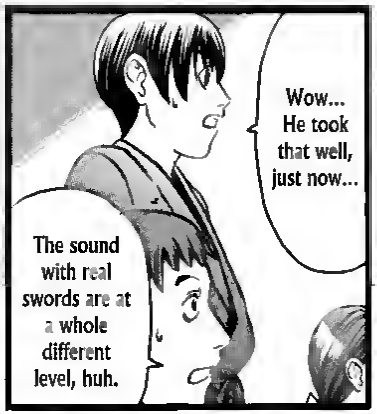
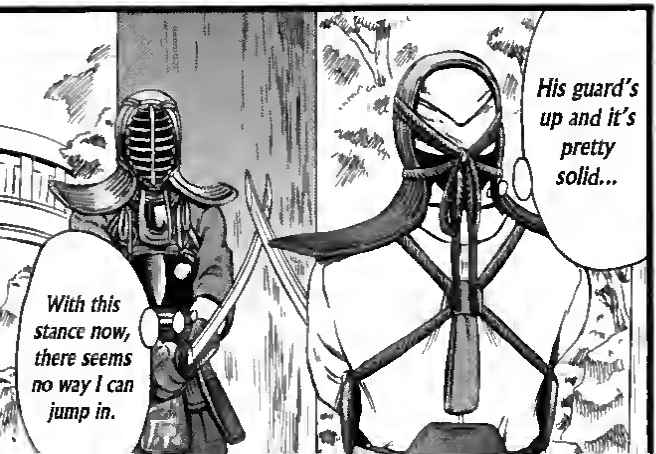

We took our stance and before I knew it, he was already in my face...
That was one heck of a strike...

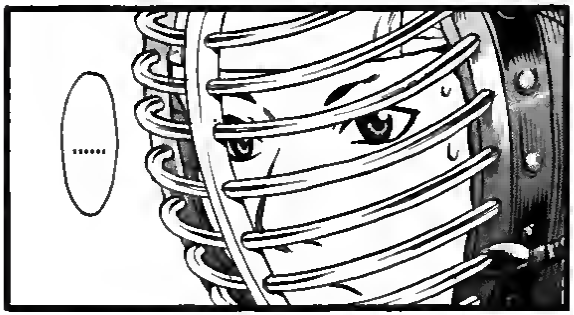
I figured those eyes of his would be a powerful weapon...
He was aiming for a retreating dō while blocking aside my attack...

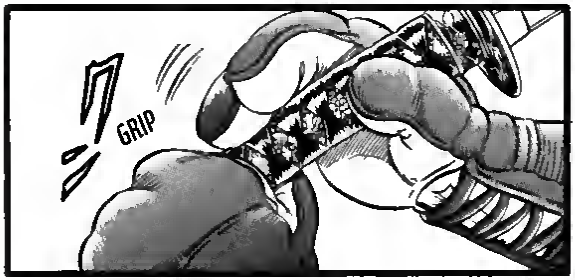

Wow... He took that well, just now...
The sound with real swords are at a whole different level, huh.

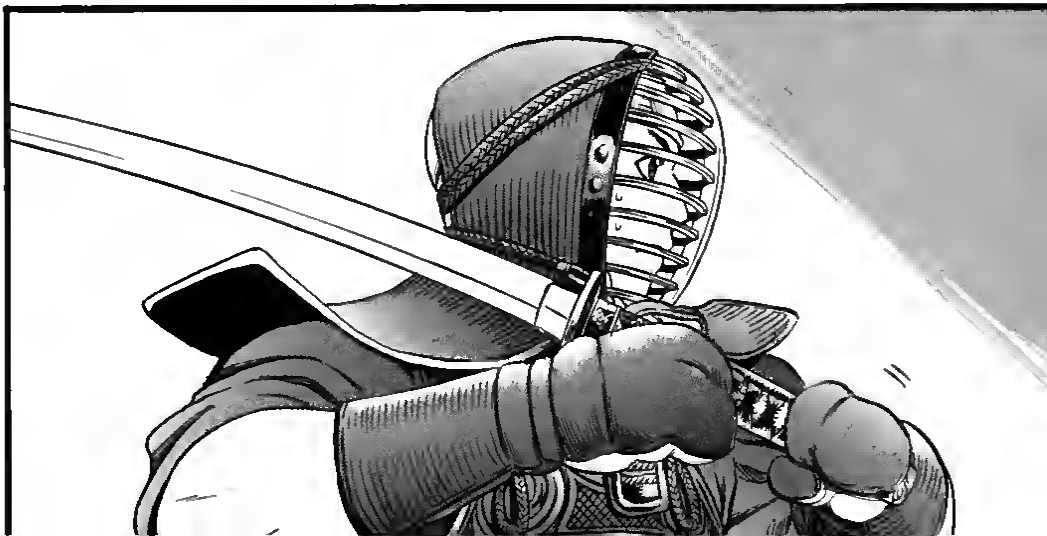

His guard's up and it's pretty solid...
With this stance now, there seems no way I can jump in.

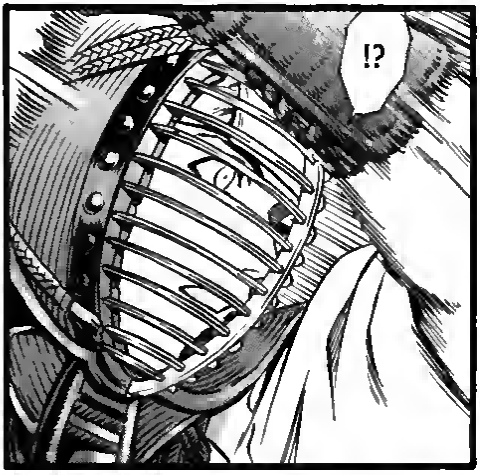
KLING

*Jodan – a Kendo stance with the sword held above the head.





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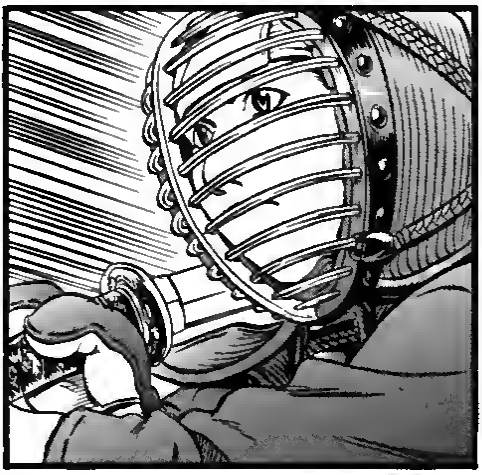

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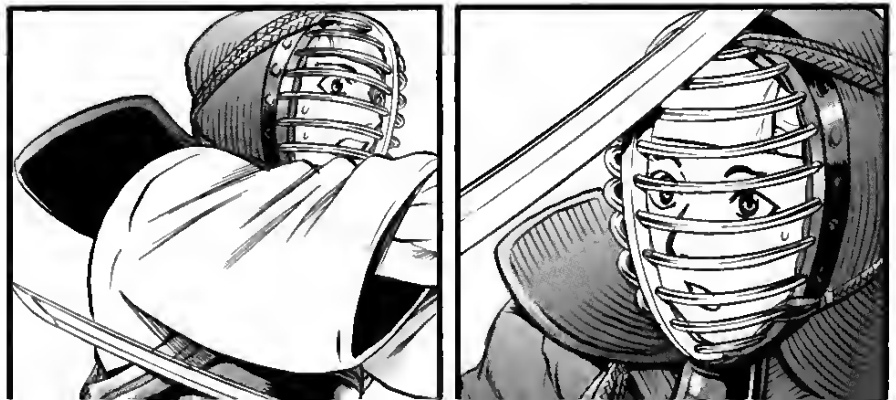
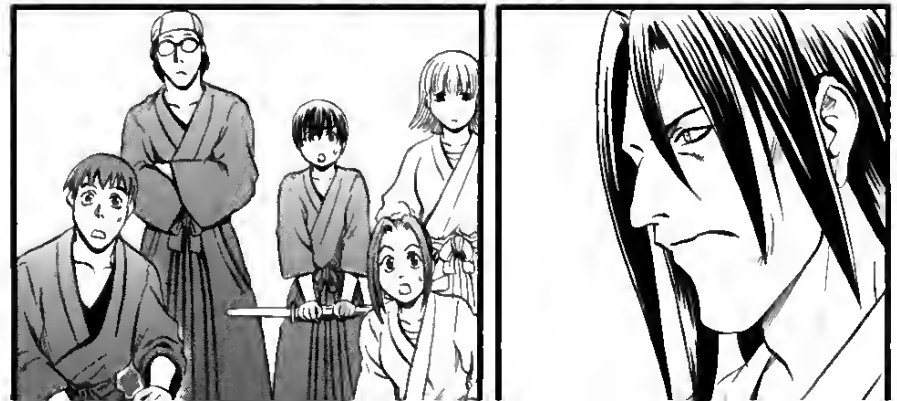
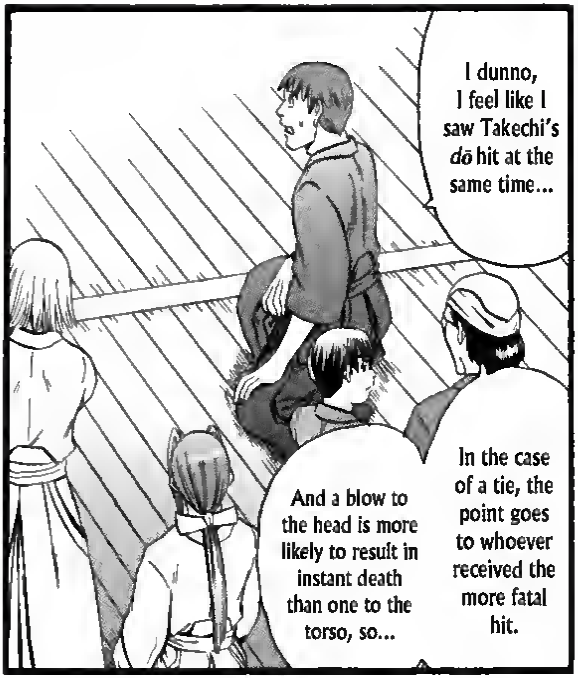
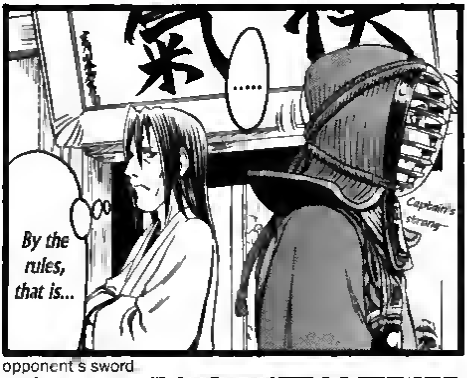
THWACK!

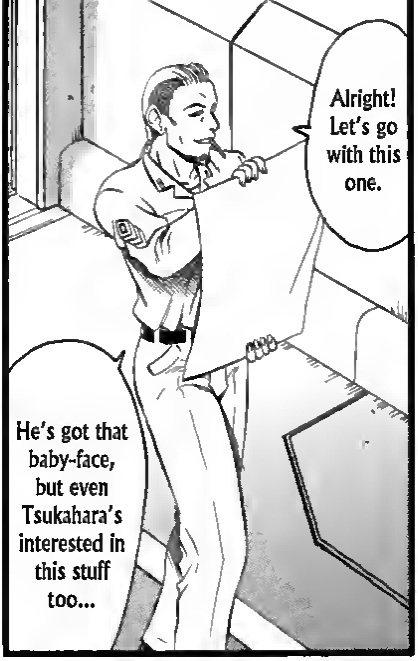


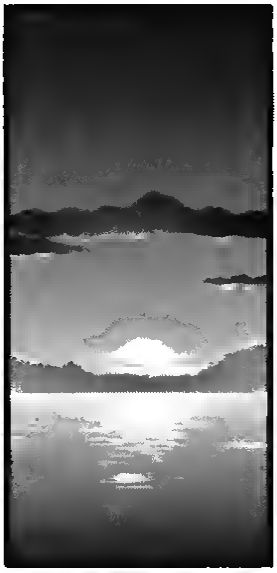


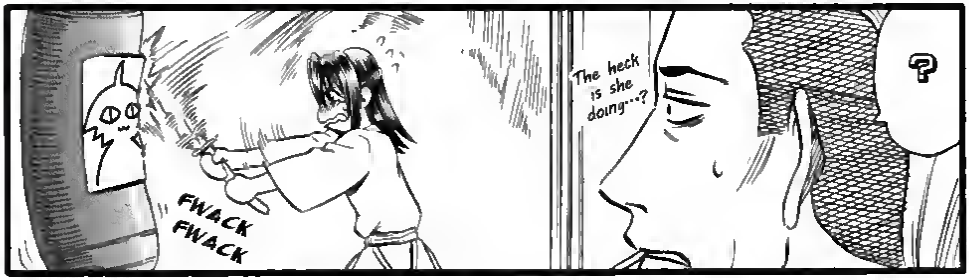

I dunno, I feel like I saw Takechi's dō hit at the same time...
And a blow to the head is more likely to result in instant death than one to the torso, so...
In the case of a tie, the point goes to whoever received the more fatal hit.

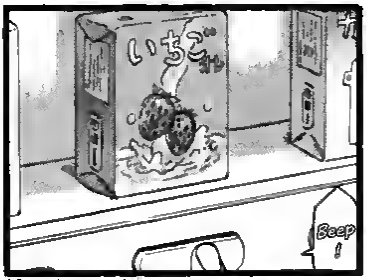


*Uchiotoshi is a Kendo technique involving knocking downward the opponent's sword.

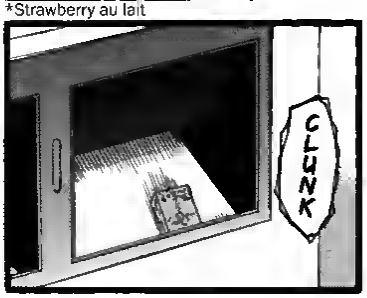




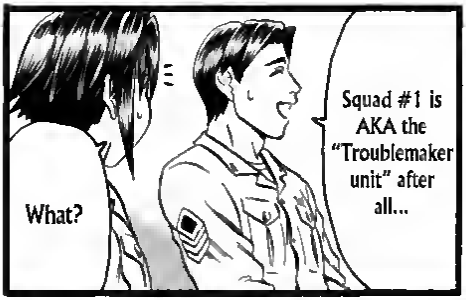


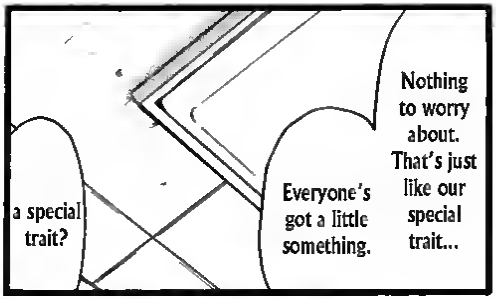


*Strawberry au lait

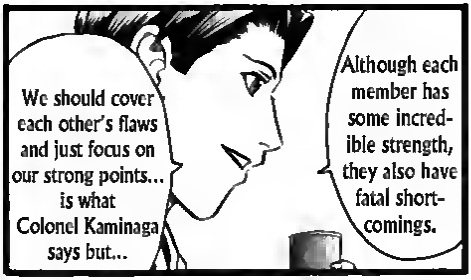


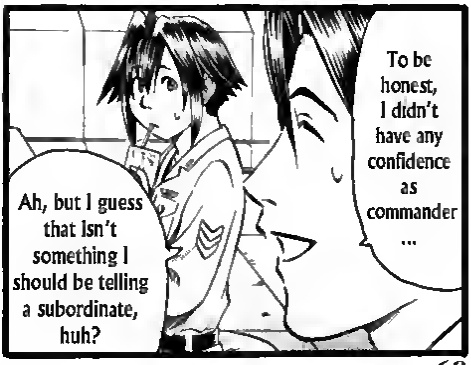
But is it going to be useful in actual combat? I mean, I still get yelled at by Tsukumo-san too now...
I only realized it today, myself...
Yeah...but at first I was confused as to why they'd assigned you here...
But to think *that* was the reason...


What?
Squad #1 is AKA the "Troublemaker unit" after all...


a special trait?
Everyone's got a little something.
Nothing to worry about. That's just like our special trait...

Yorozu was always bragging about you too...
Everyone has a lot of faith in you though, Captain.


We should cover each other's flaws and just focus on our strong points... is what Colonel Kaminaga says but...
Although each member has some incredible strength, they also have fatal shortcomings.


Ah, but I guess that isn't something I should be telling a subordinate, huh?
To be honest, I didn't have any confidence as commander ...

How'd you end up in the same hospital as Yorozu, anyway?
Oh yeah, speaking of...

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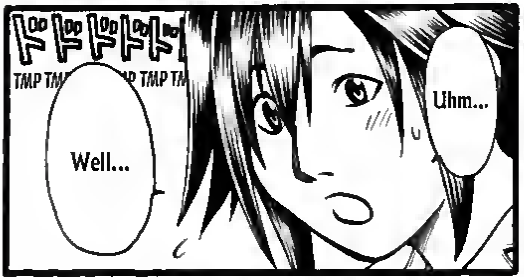
Uhm...
Well...

RATTLE
KA-SLAMM!

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TSSUUUUU
KAAAAAH
HAAAAAAH
RAAAAAAH...

THIS TIME I'M GONNA TURN YOU INTO A SMEAR...
LEMME BORROW YOU FOR A SEC!

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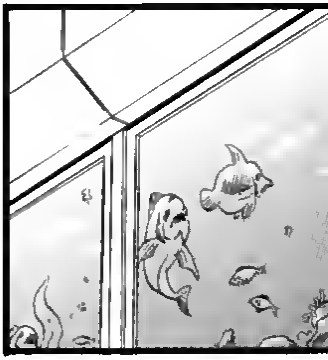
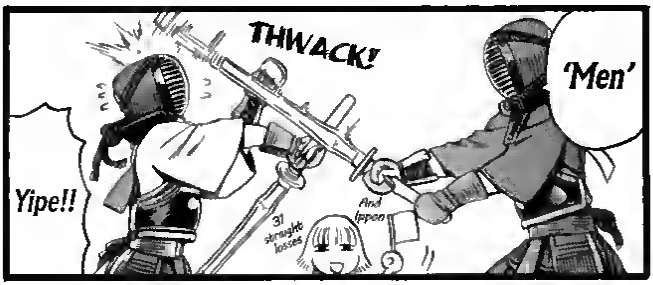
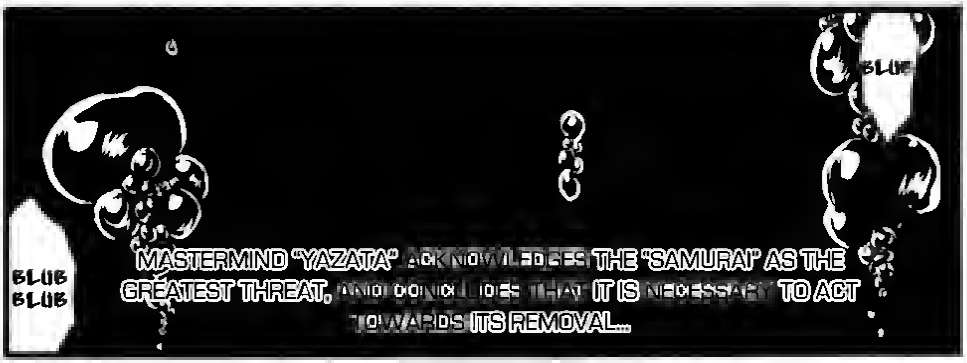
Right... got it.
Then I'll leave the poster up to you...



A nasty bunch has started to get involved...
The Intelligence Department...


THWACK!
'Men'
Yipe!!
31 straight kanes
And Ippon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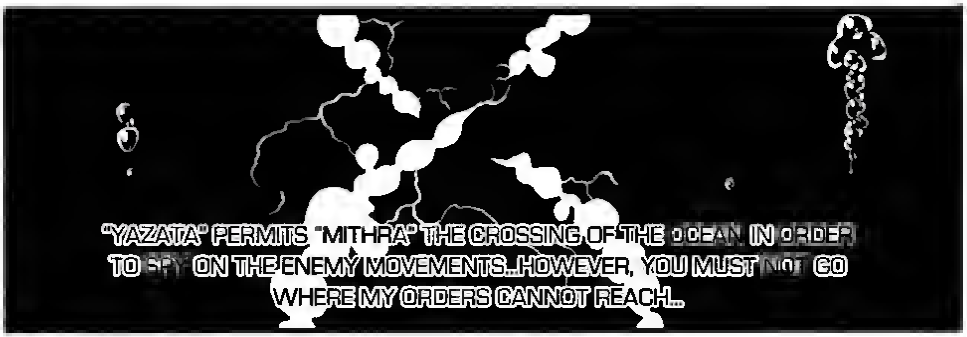
MASTERMIND "YAZATA" ACKNOWLEDGES THE "SAMURAI" AS THE GREATEST THREAT, AND DOING SO DOES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ACT TOWARDS ITS REMOVAL...

ALL THE BUSINESS OF WAR, AND INDEED ALL THE BUSINESS OF LIFE, IS TO ENDEAVOR TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW BY WHAT YOU DO; THAT'S WHAT I CALLED "GUESSING WHAT WAS AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL."

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

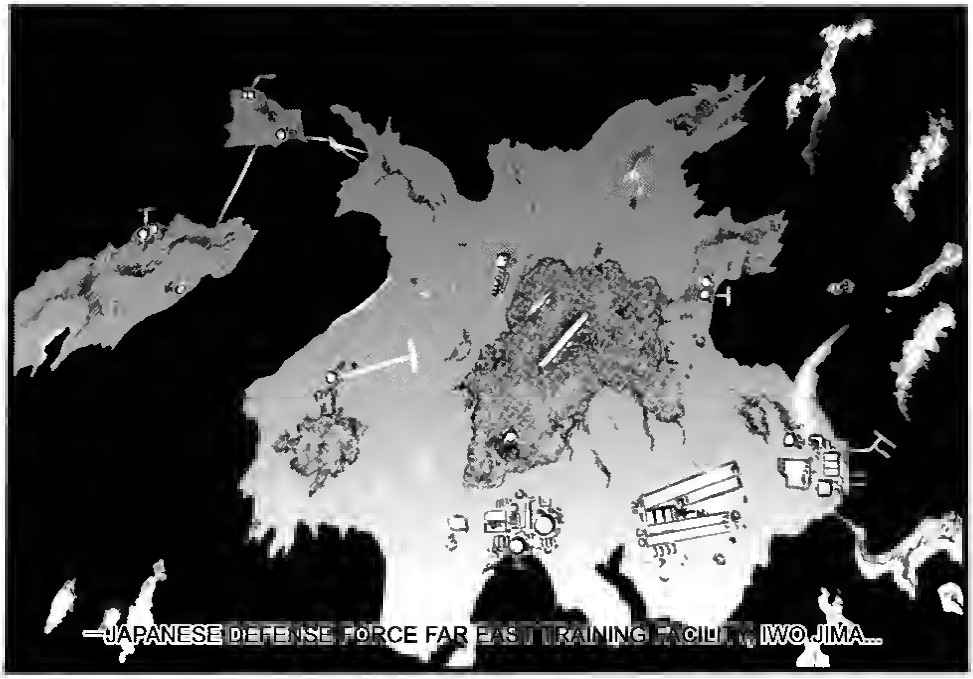

"YAZATA" PERMITS "MITHRA" THE CROSSING OF THE OCEAN IN ORDER TO SPY ON THE ENEMY MOVEMENTS...HOWEVER, YOU MUST NOT GO WHERE MY ORDERS CANNOT REACH...

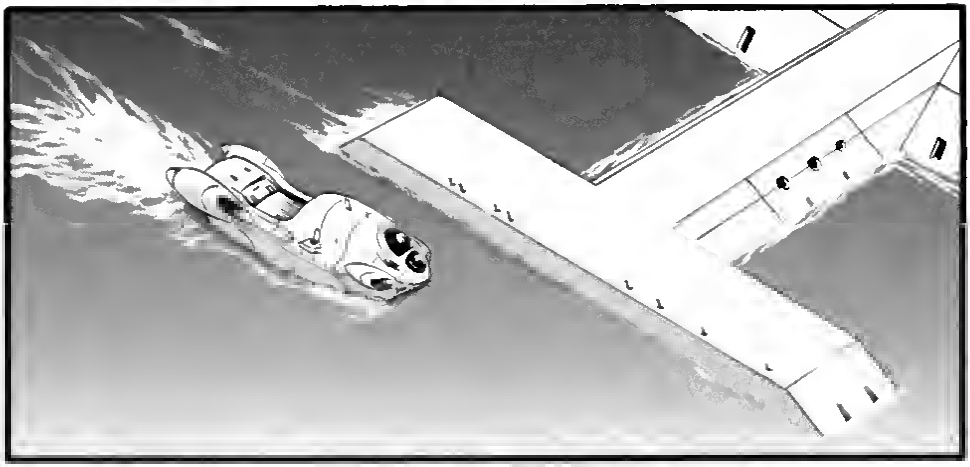
'TIS A PRINCIPLE OF WAR THAT WHEN YOU CAN USE THE LIGHTNING, 'TIS BETTER THAN CANNON...I MIGHT BE DEFEATED, BUT I WILL NEYER BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE...

NAPOLEON
EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH

BOY MEETS LRRP

PHASE:8 遭遇


—JAPANESE DEFENSE FORCE FAR EAST TRAINING FACILITY, IWO JIMA...



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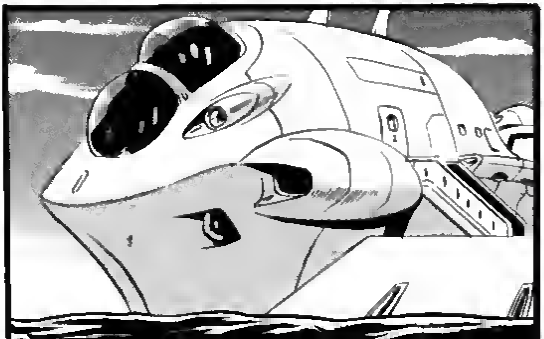
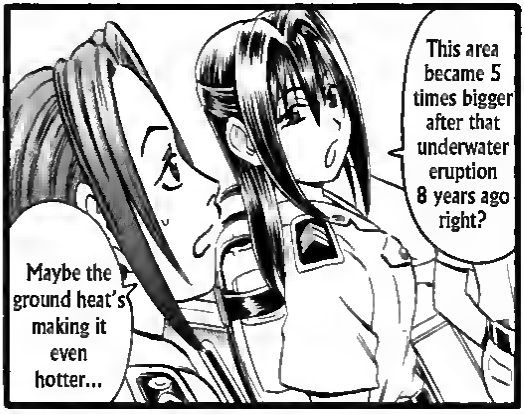
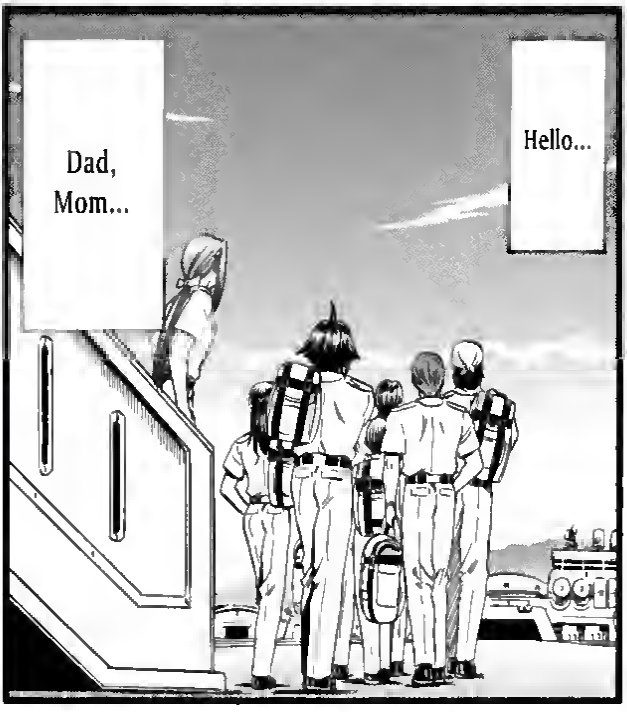


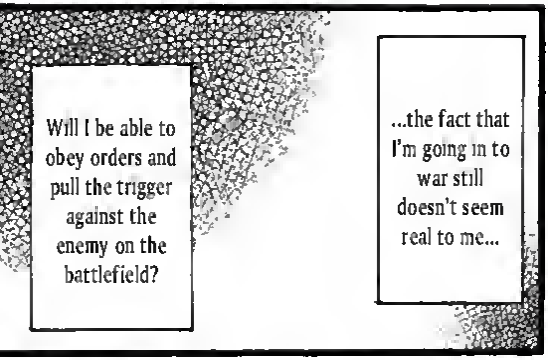
...when you think about being in a sniping post for two whole days in that hot weather...
Ugh... Please stop, don't remind me.

Wow... It sure is hot...
It's still cooler than Africa or the Arabian Peninsula...


This area became 5 times bigger after that underwater eruption 8 years ago right?
Maybe the ground heat's making it even hotter...


Dad, Mom...
Hello...

We're going to train with live ammo right from the start today... I want you guys to get focused....
At 10, we're going to go into quarantine and begin adjustments for equipment mounting...

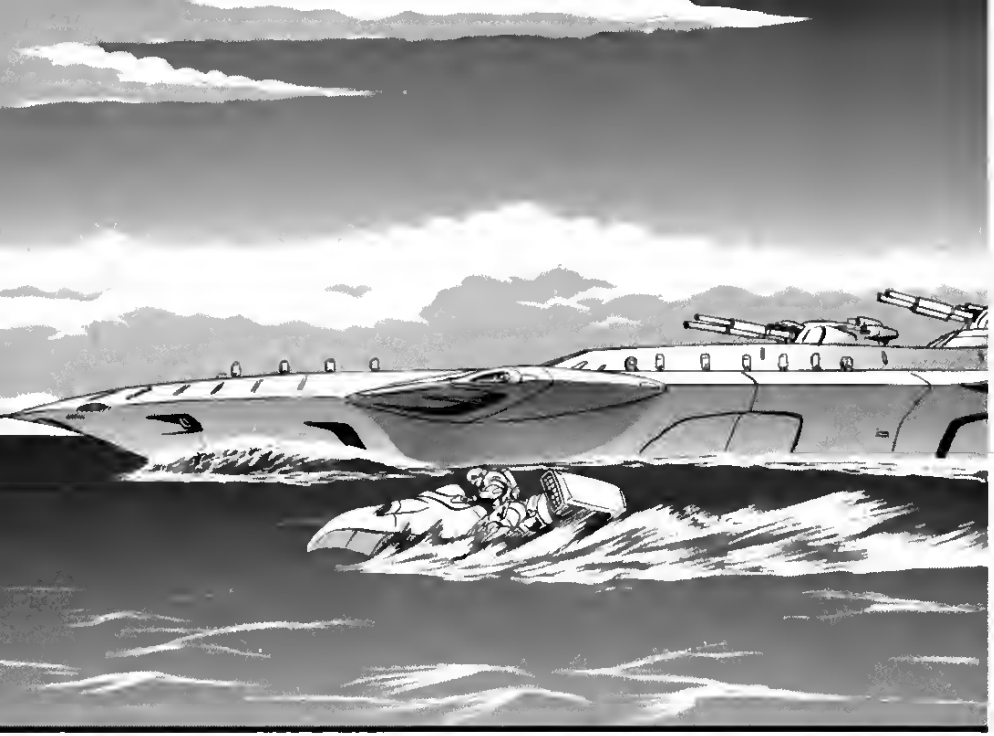

Will I be able to obey orders and pull the trigger against the enemy on the battlefield?
...the fact that I'm going in to war still doesn't seem real to me...

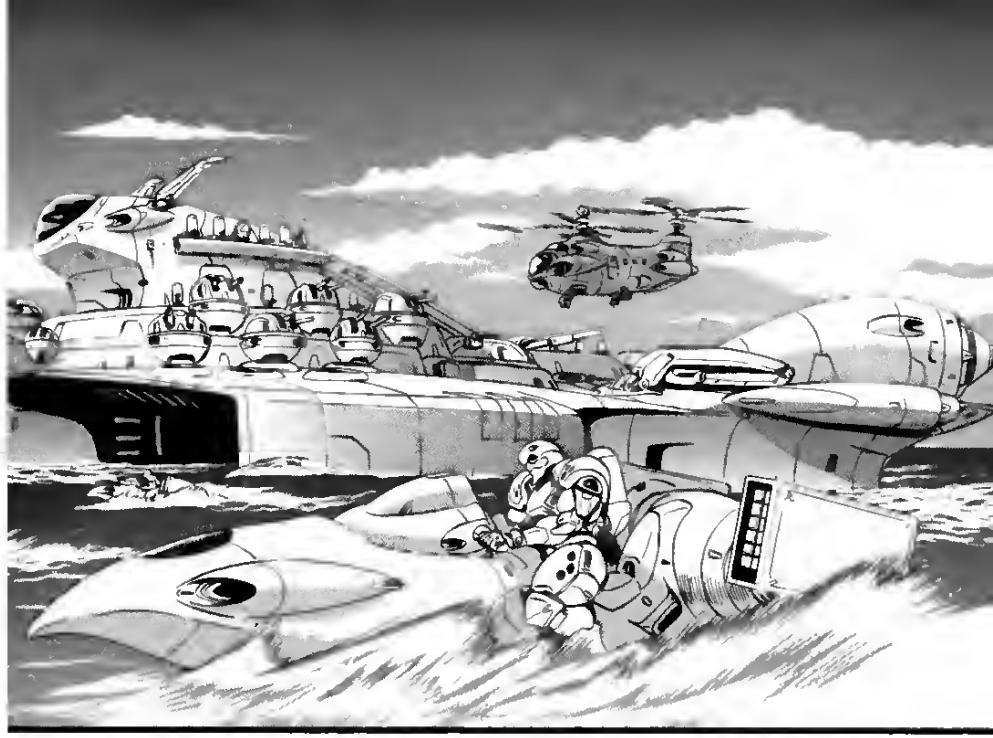
Full-scale field practice as a Samurai is finally going to start...
I thought I would be able to come to face it after a month or two but...

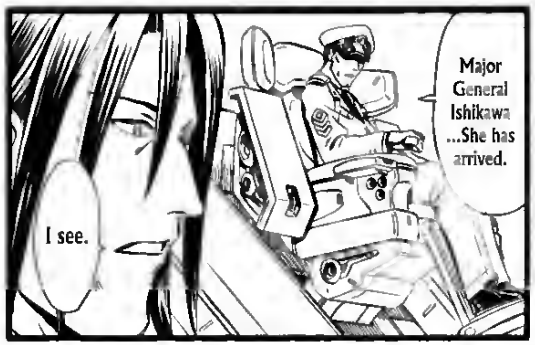
Everyone is so calm...
It's probably because they've gained experience from training for a long time...

I probably shouldn't be saying this now but...
...I'm getting really scared...

FWOOSH...

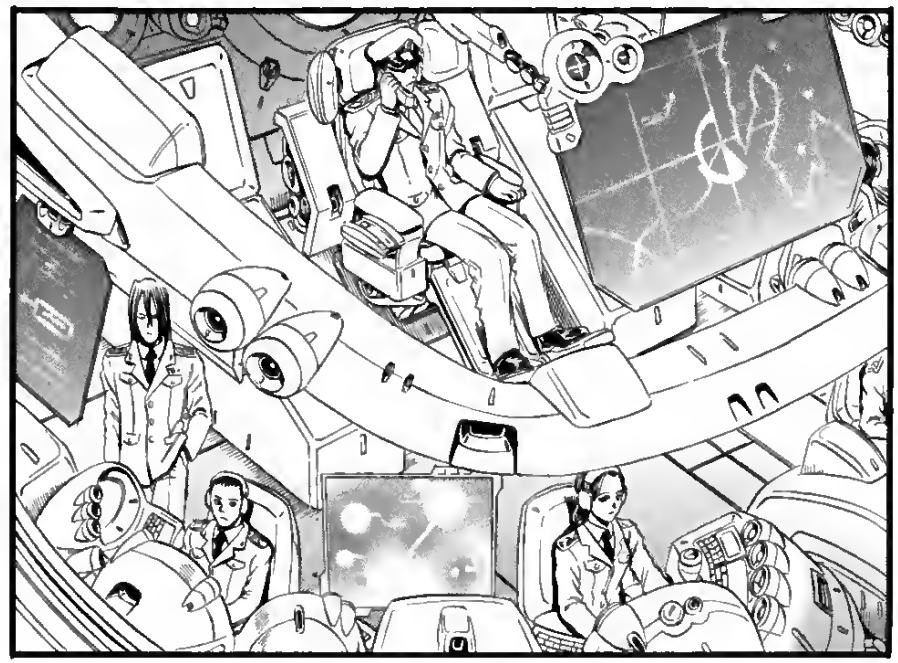


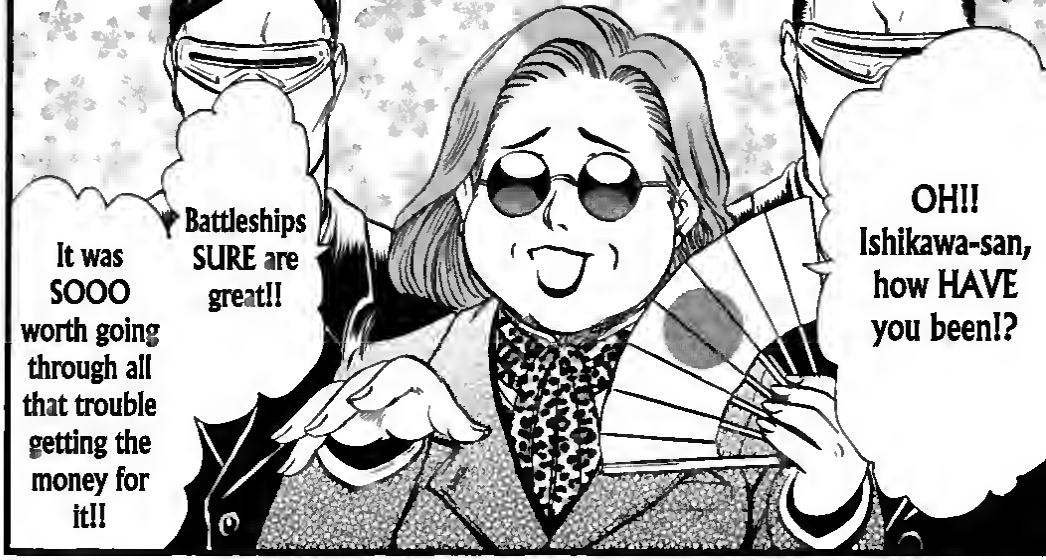


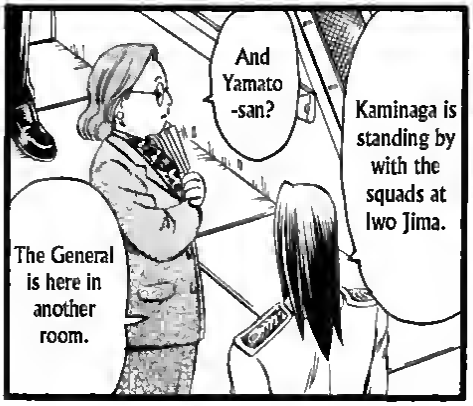

I see.
Major General Ishikawa ...She has arrived.

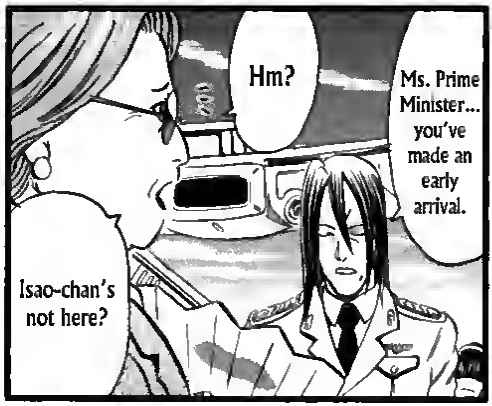
PSHH
Heeey♡ I'm heeeere!!

Let them in right away.
.....Right... got it...

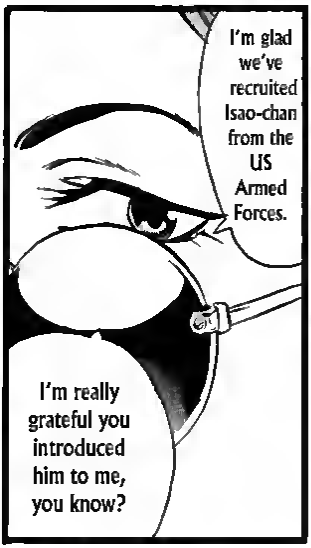


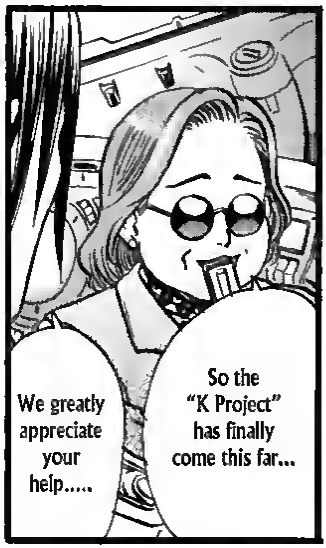

OH!! Ishikawa-san, how HAVE you been!?
Battleships SURE are great!!
It was SOOO worth going through all that trouble getting the money for it!!


Kaminaga is standing by with the squads at Iwo Jima.
And Yamato -san?
The General is here in another room.

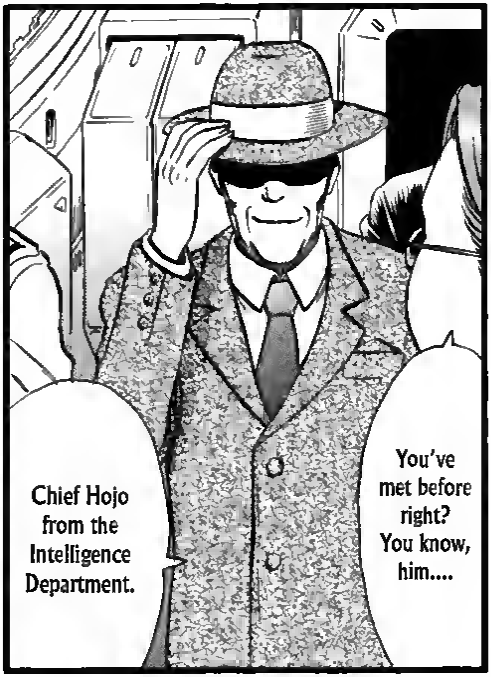

Ms. Prime Minister... you've made an early arrival.
Hm?
Isao-chan's not here?

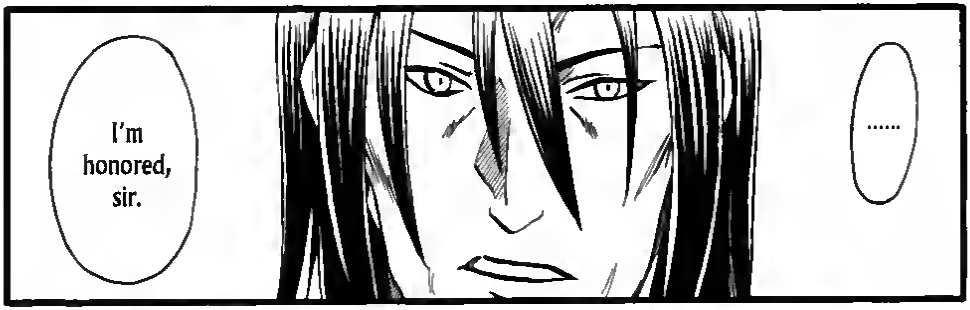
Oh yes
I ran into him at the airport, so I brought him along but...


I'm glad we've recruited Isao-chan from the US Armed Forces.
I'm really grateful you introduced him to me, you know?


So the "K Project" has finally come this far...
We greatly appreciate your help.....

Hello... It's been a while Major General Ishikawa...
Doing some great work as always... you and Kaminaga-kun...


Chief Hojo from the Intelligence Department.
You've met before right? You know, him....


I'm honored, sir.
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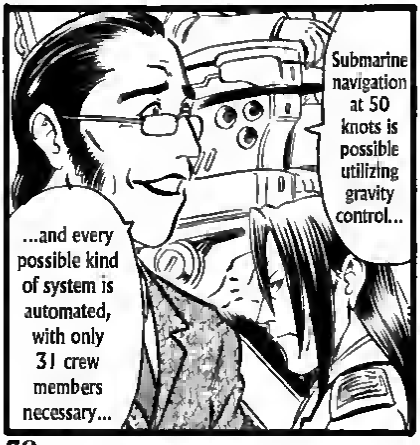
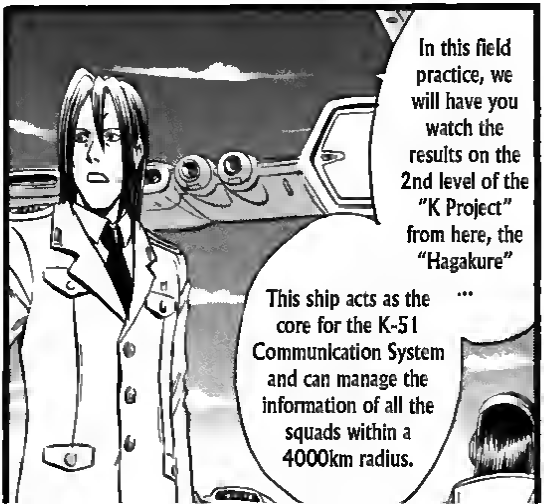

Submarine navigation at 50 knots is possible utilizing gravity control...
...and every possible kind of system is automated, with only 31 crew members necessary...


In this field practice, we will have you watch the results on the 2nd level of the "K Project" from here, the "Hagakure"
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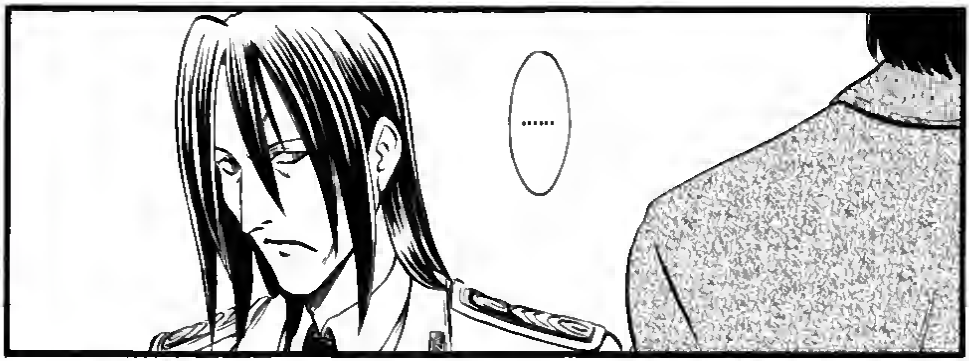
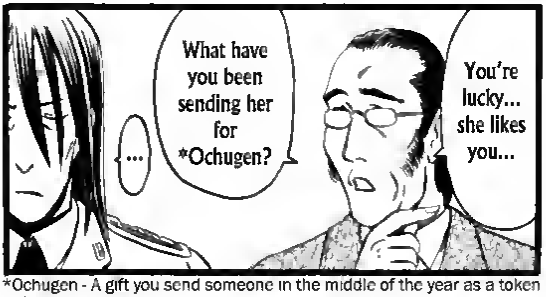
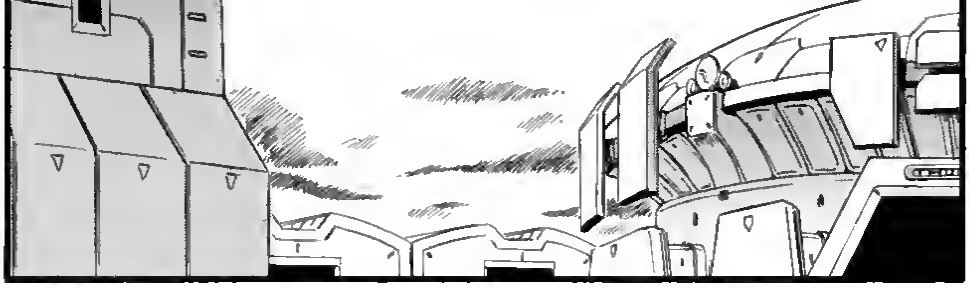
This ship acts as the core for the K-51 Communication System and can manage the information of all the squads within a 4000km radius.

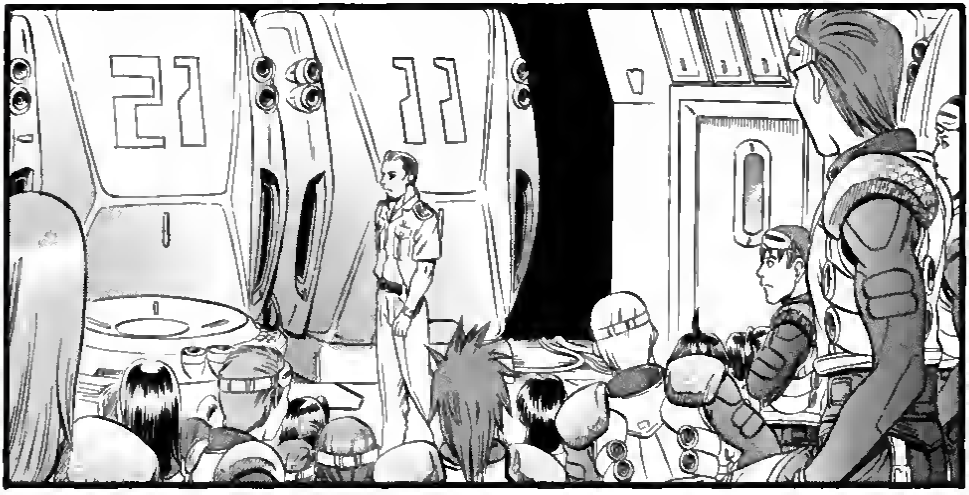


Well then... We shall go with that.
Field practice will begin in two hours from now... please have some rest in the other room until then...
We will show you to the Communication Control Room 15 minutes before starting.
Hehehehe... This is getting exciting, isn't it?



*Ochugen - A gift you send someone in the middle of the year as a token of gratitude

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These are your partners that you're going to be entrusting your lives to for a long time... Take good care of 'em!
We're going to be using exo-skeletons custom-made for each individual.

Alright! Everyone here?
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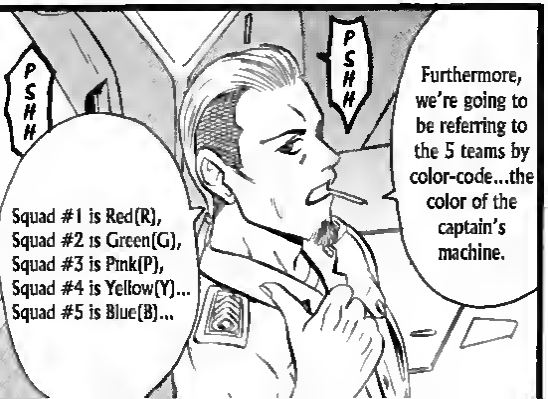
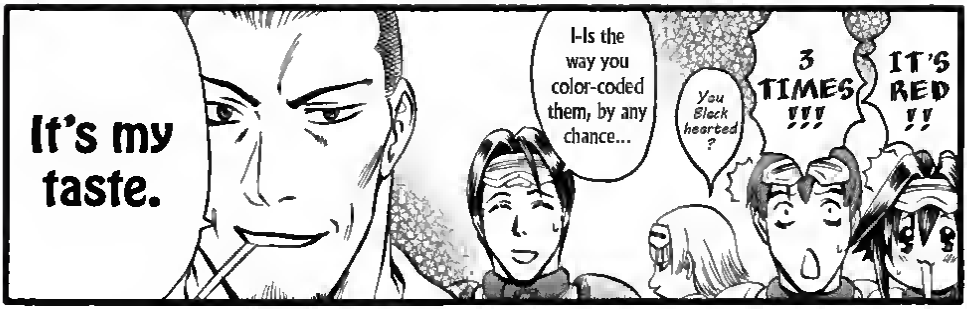
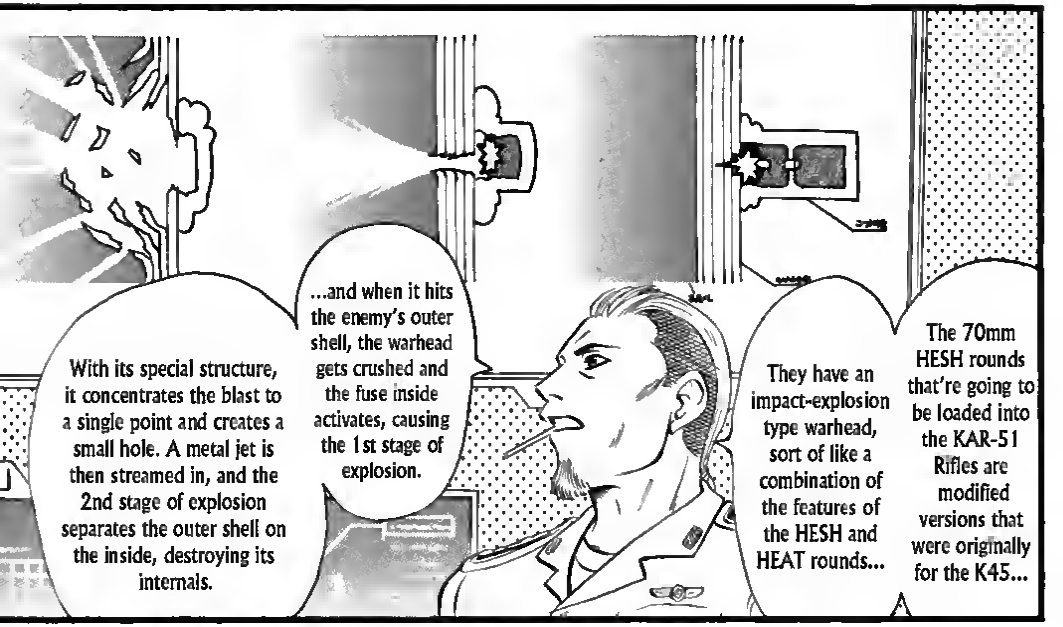
Let's get started!!

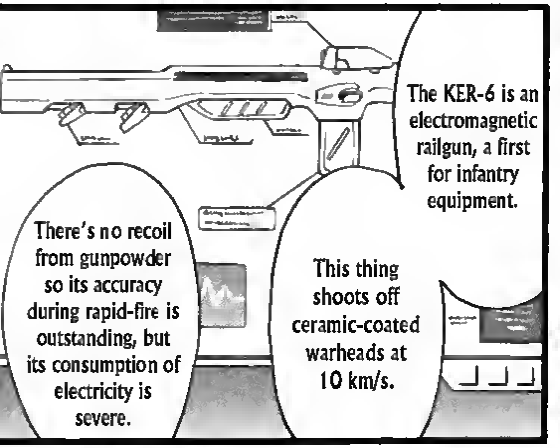

PSHH
PSHH
Squad #1 is Red(R),
Squad #2 is Green(G),
Squad #3 is Pink(P),
Squad #4 is Yellow(Y)...
Squad #5 is Blue(B)...
Furthermore, we're going to be referring to the 5 teams by color-code...the color of the captain's machine.

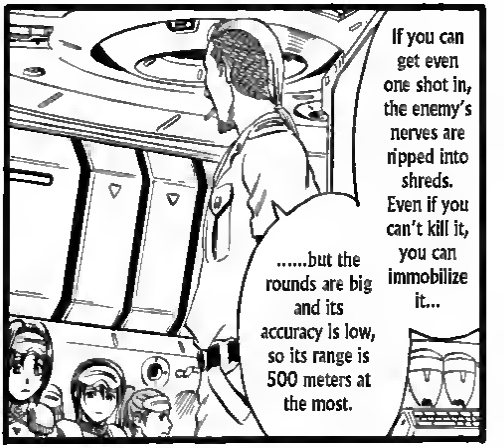
EEEEEM...

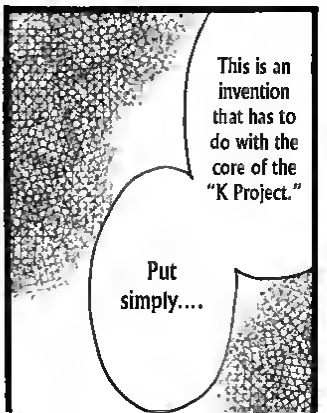

It's my taste.
I-Is the way you color-coded them, by any chance...
You Black hearted ?
3 TIMES !!!
IT'S RED !!

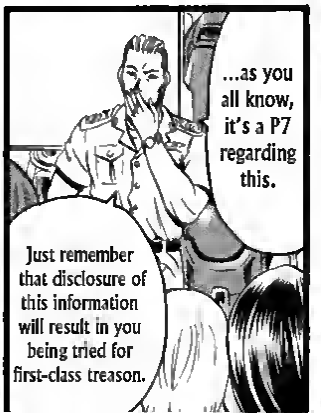
The rear guard's main equipment will be the KER-6 Sniping System... Also, I'm going to have some members of the advance guard carry the KVB-51 "Amakuni."
Today you're going to be equipped with the KAR-51 Rifle, KHM-1 Handgun, and KES-T Sonic Wave.

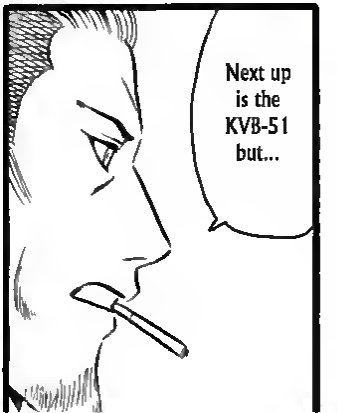

With its special structure, it concentrates the blast to a single point and creates a small hole. A metal jet is then streamed in, and the 2nd stage of explosion separates the outer shell on the inside, destroying its internals.
...and when it hits the enemy's outer shell, the warhead gets crushed and the fuse inside activates, causing the 1st stage of explosion.
They have an impact-explosion type warhead, sort of like a combination of the features of the HESH and HEAT rounds...
The 70mm HESH rounds that're going to be loaded into the KAR-51 Rifles are modified versions that were originally for the K45...

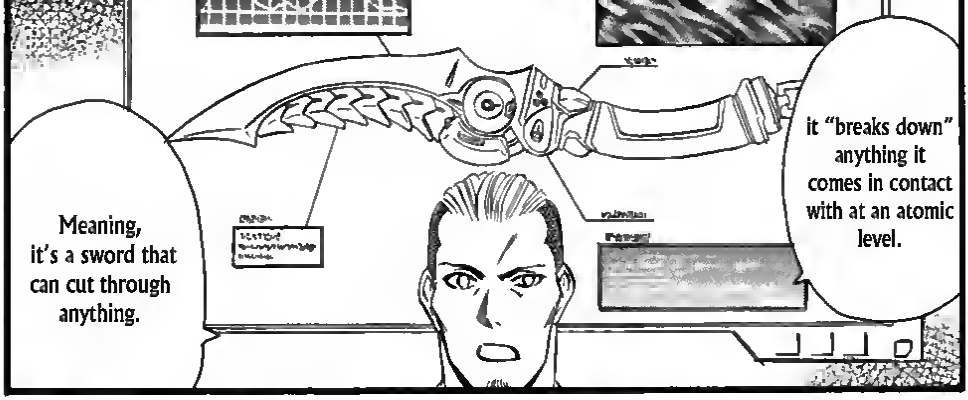

There's no recoil from gunpowder so its accuracy during rapid-fire is outstanding, but its consumption of electricity is severe.
The KER-6 is an electromagnetic railgun, a first for infantry equipment.
This thing shoots off ceramic-coated warheads at 10 km/s.

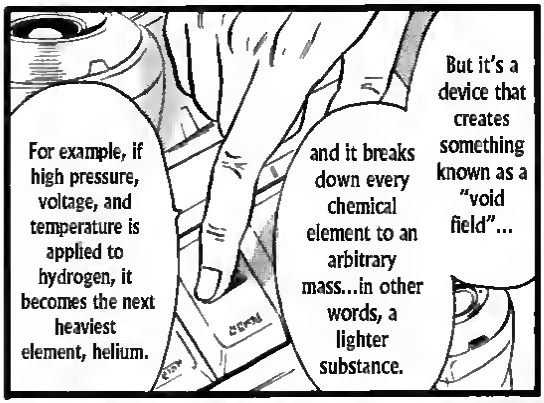

If you can get even one shot in, the enemy's nerves are ripped into shreds. Even if you can't kill it, you can immobilize it...
.....but the rounds are big and its accuracy is low, so its range is 500 meters at the most.


This is an invention that has to do with the core of the "K Project."
Put simply....

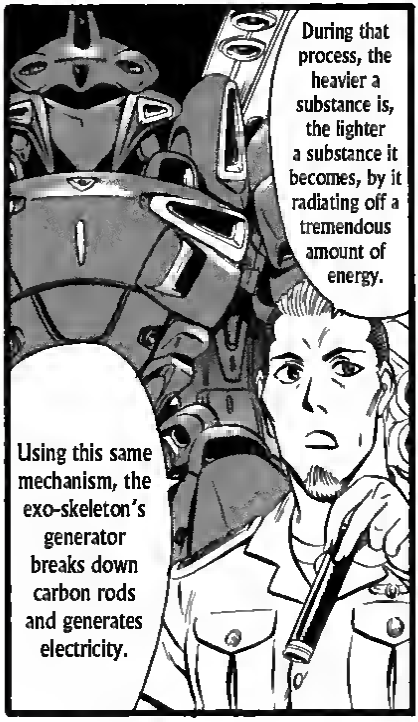

...as you all know, it's a P7 regarding this.
Just remember that disclosure of this information will result in you being tried for first-class treason.

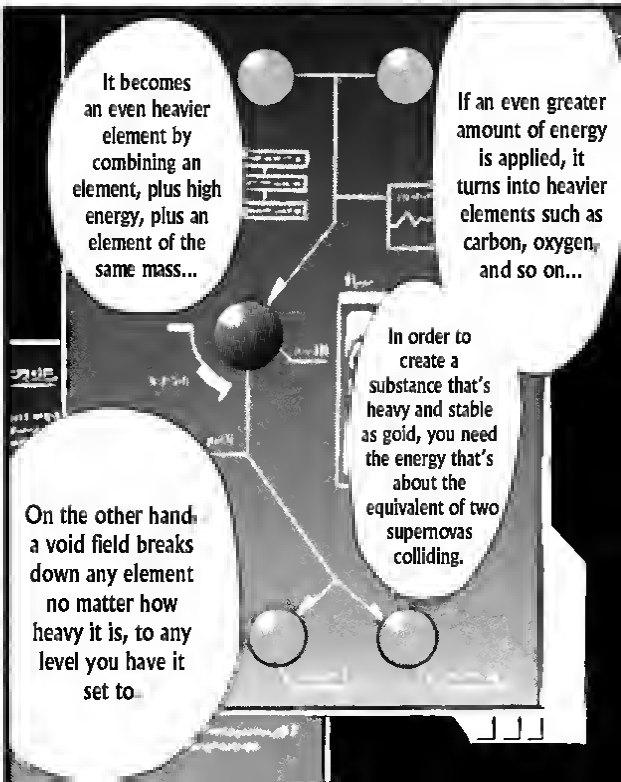

Next up is the KVB-51 but...


Meaning, it's a sword that can cut through anything.
it "breaks down" anything it comes in contact with at an atomic level.


For example, if high pressure, voltage, and temperature is applied to hydrogen, it becomes the next heaviest element, helium.
and it breaks down every chemical element to an arbitrary mass...in other words, a lighter substance.
But it's a device that creates something known as a "void field"...

What do you mean by "break down"?
I don't understand all the complicated stuff, and I don't have the authority to say it anyways....

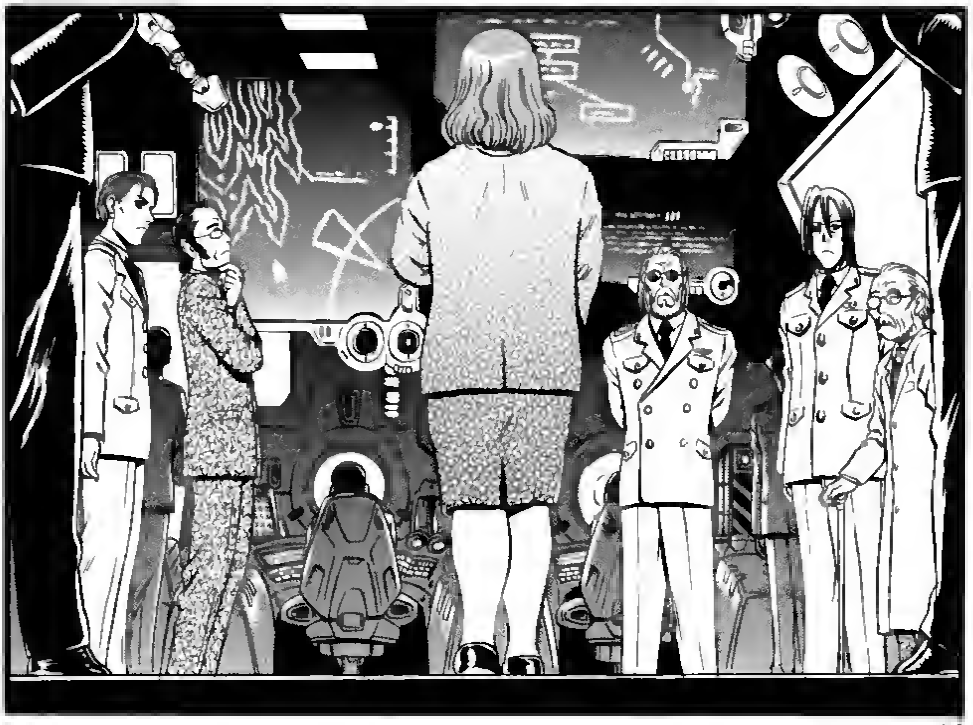

During that process, the heavier a substance is, the lighter a substance it becomes, by it radiating off a tremendous amount of energy.
Using this same mechanism, the exo-skeleton's generator breaks down carbon rods and generates electricity.


It becomes an even heavier element by combining an element, plus high energy, plus an element of the same mass...
If an even greater amount of energy is applied, it turns into heavier elements such as carbon, oxygen, and so on...
In order to create a substance that's heavy and stable as gold, you need the energy that's about the equivalent of two supernovas colliding.
On the other hand, a void field breaks down any element no matter how heavy it is, to any level you have it set to.

Although, the sensors will prevent danger to a certain extent though...
...From the blast and heat radiated... you'll be killed...
But this definitely is a delicate instrument you have to handle carefully...
Ummm... so basically .....
...a really crazy weapon...
...but if you were to accidentally cut, not as much as gold, but like a heavy metal object around you....
It may be fine with the Shahar's outer shell since they have light mass....
So therefore, there's a lock on it, so you cannot use it unless the authorizing code is given from a superior officer ranking colonel or above.
...use it the wrong way, and you'll get yourself killed.
As long as the Shahar's outer shell is composed of a substance born of this universe, it can't stand up against this sword....but
What I mean is... with this technology...
they can produce an enormous amount of energy that's practically inexhaustible.
...What do you mean?
It's very crafty of the politicians to be looking past after the war as well.
I think I understand now why the "K Project" is a P7.
It's like magic, isn't it...

If they win the war while keeping this confidential...
...it will become a huge business as the next generation's energy industry...
I'm sure the whole world will strive to restore civilization and a construction craze will flare back up too...

At that time, if they exclusively sell this technology and take control of each country's energy market...
many years of prosperity and world dominance will be assured...
At least, that's what I think could happen...



For your great help at the last governing party executive board... we express our sincere gratitude.
We were able to move the "K Project" to its 2nd stage only because of your great support...
Well well, looks like everyone's all here...
We are very honored to have you grace us with your presence, Ms. Prime Minister.
The last time had been when the Samurai Force was first established...
But it isn't really easy sitting in the hot seat you know?
As long as you guys are showing me definite results I will do my best...
This time we are also planning to gather data about that one "base body" as well.
What's its level?
Right...
We have 10 more minutes General...
Oh tell me about it!! That rascal's running around everyday, giving me such a headache!!
Oh my gawd!! Hayashida -san!!
How're your wife and child doinggg?

Right now it's at a 6...
...but I believe it's only a matter of time until it moves up to a 7...
So the 3rd stage is finally going to start...
How many are there that might be able to keep up?
About Captain Ito of Squad #1 and two communications soldiers, but...
I'm not sure if those two will turn out to be of any use...
General Ishikawa!
Would you please take a look here...
!
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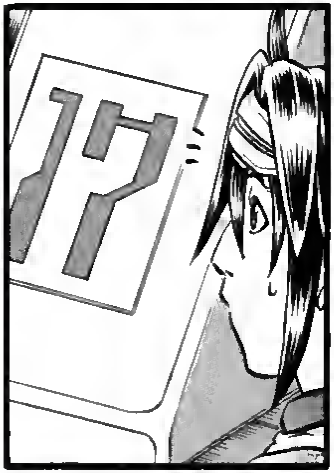
Hey!! Wait a minute!!
How come mine doesn't have a horn!?
Well, maybe you really are a dud?

Alright!! Everyone hurry up and get on board!!
You guys know your assigned numbers?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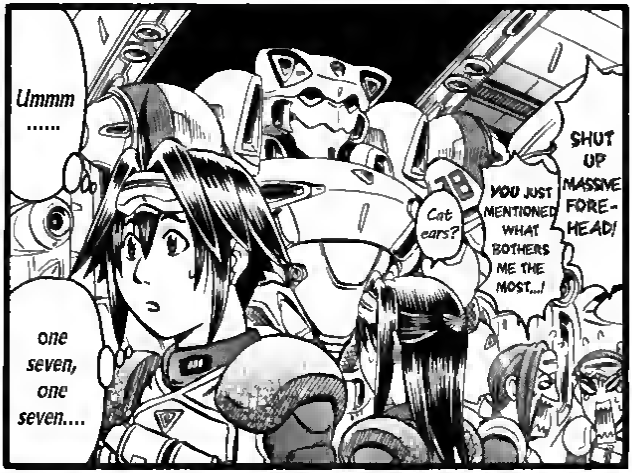
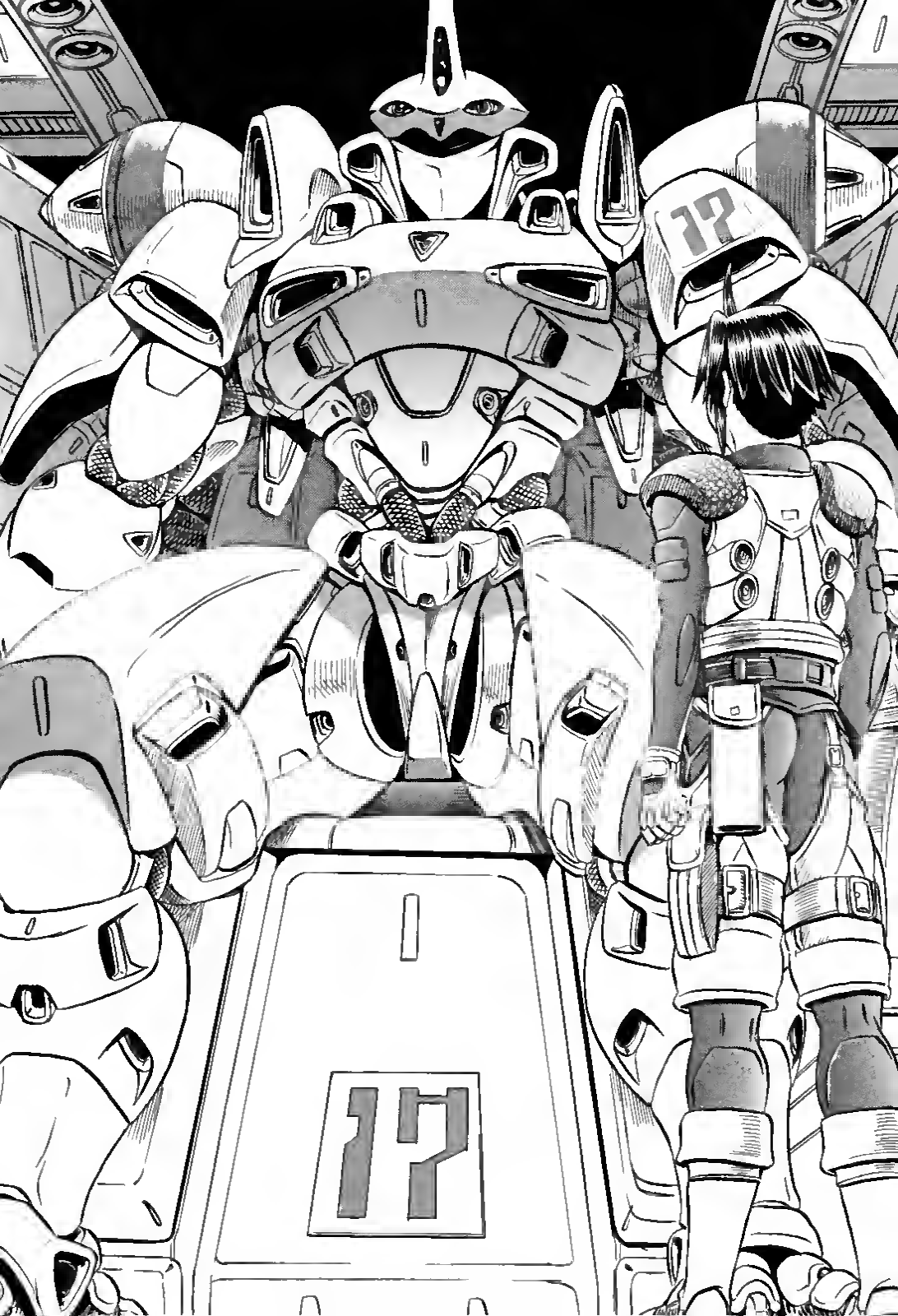

Ummm .....
one seven, one seven....
Cat ears?
YOU JUST MENTIONED WHAT BOTHERS ME THE MOST...!
SHUT UP MASSIVE FORE-HEAD!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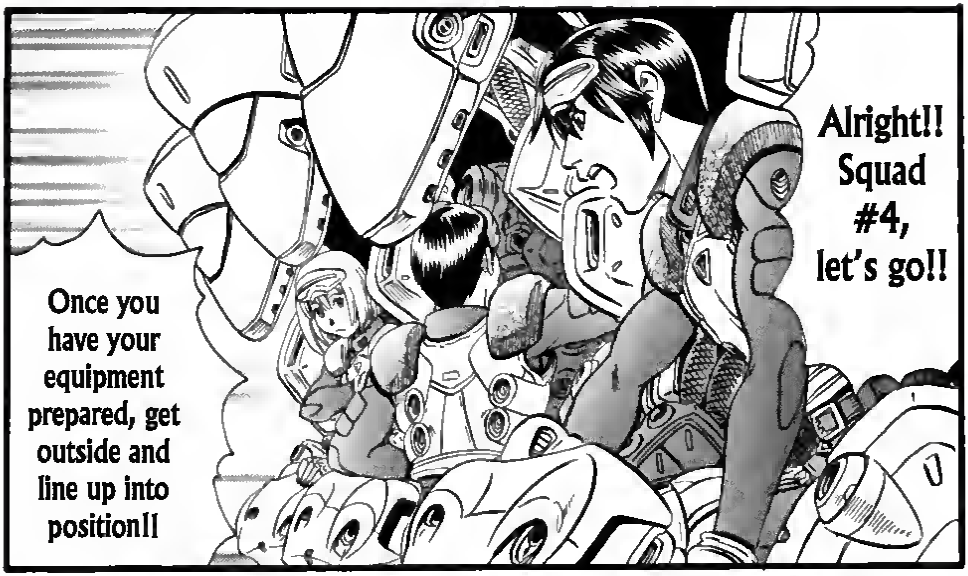
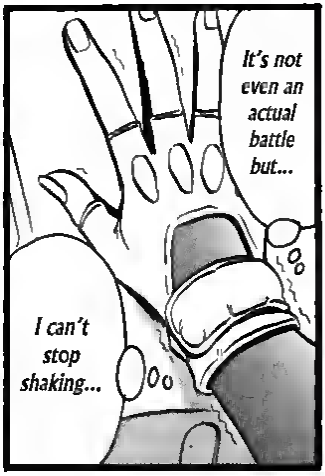

Alright!! Squad #4, let's go!!
Once you have your equipment prepared, get outside and line up into position!!

This isn't good...

Oh...
Hey Tsukahara, get a move on!
R... Right...
You're gonna be late!

Get yourself geared up, rookie...

SLAP!
!?


It's not even an actual battle but...
I can't stop shaking...

Just stay calm and get out there...
Someone who's been able to keep up in training this far's got nothing to worry about.
Uh...
Finish getting ready in 3 seconds!!
Let's go, all of you!!
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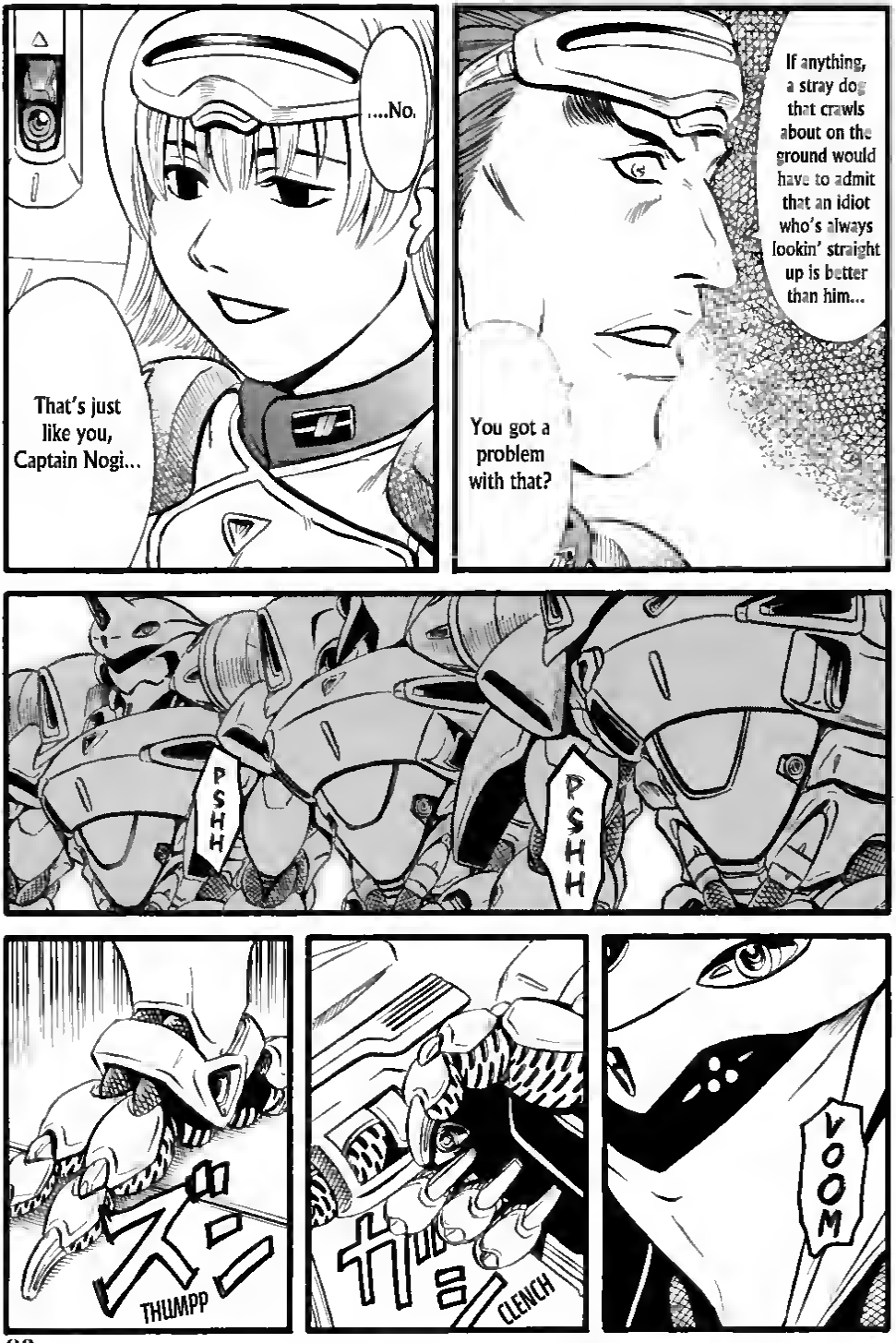
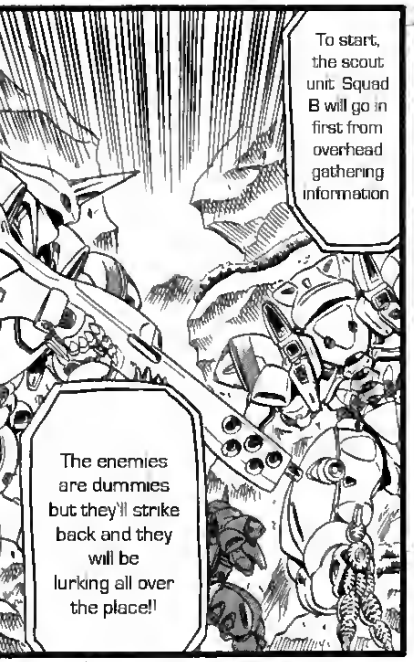
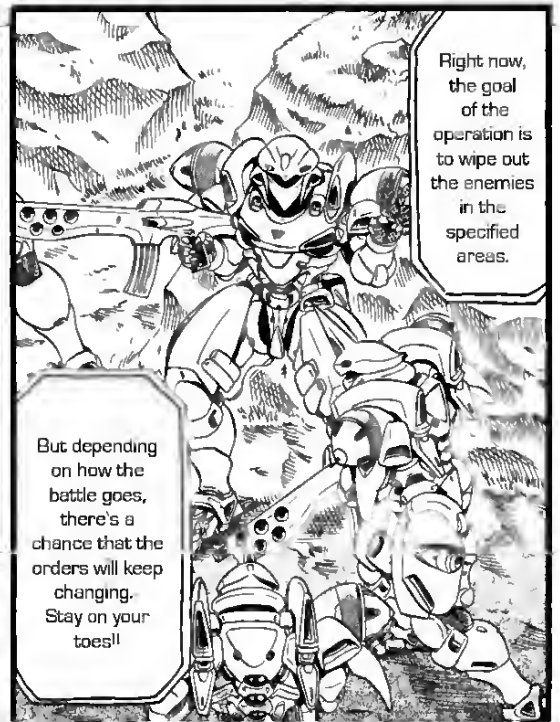
You seem to care for him a lot... towards Takechi-kun...
!
Right!
.....OK!
'Gonna give it all I've got!!

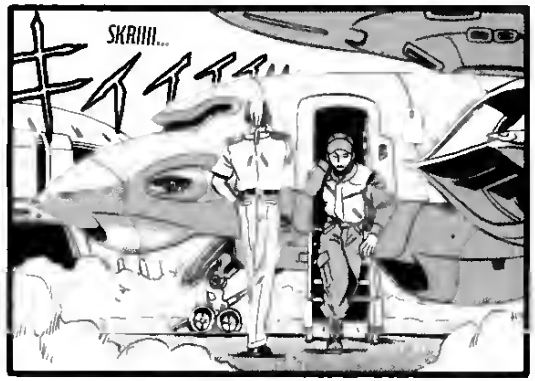

....No.
That's just like you, Captain Nogi...
If anything, a stray dog that crawls about on the ground would have to admit that an idiot who's always lookin' straight up is better than him...
You got a problem with that?
PSHH
PSHH
THUMPP
CLENCH
VOOM


To start, the scout unit Squad B will go in first from overhead gathering information
The enemies are dummies but they'll strike back and they will be lurking all over the place!!


Right now, the goal of the operation is to wipe out the enemies in the specified areas.
But depending on how the battle goes, there's a chance that the orders will keep changing. Stay on your toes!!

I want all squads deployed into positions in under 4!
Alright, field practice starts in 5 minutes!!

Whrrr...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I guess I really am nervous.....?
My body is light but I feel a weird pressure...
!
PANT
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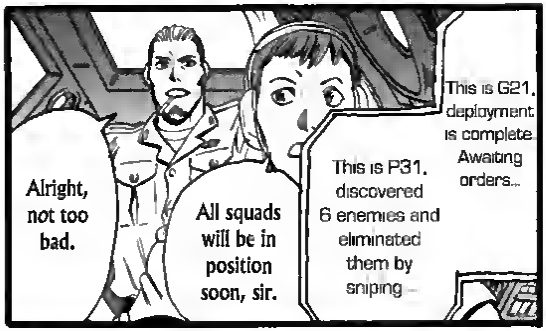
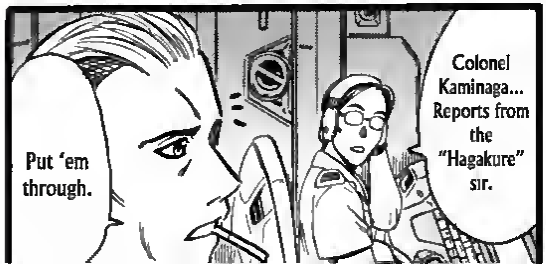
The advance guards follow after me. Kusunoki-kun, I want you to support with directing commands..
From here it's Formation B. Tanba-kun and the two rear guards, carefully be on the lookout.

BOOM
..keep
First off, we're going to secure the high grounds 400 meters ahead.
The footing isn't too good, but don't break up the squad formation and...
KER-CHAK
VWUM
KONK
KOOOM
C-Captai-

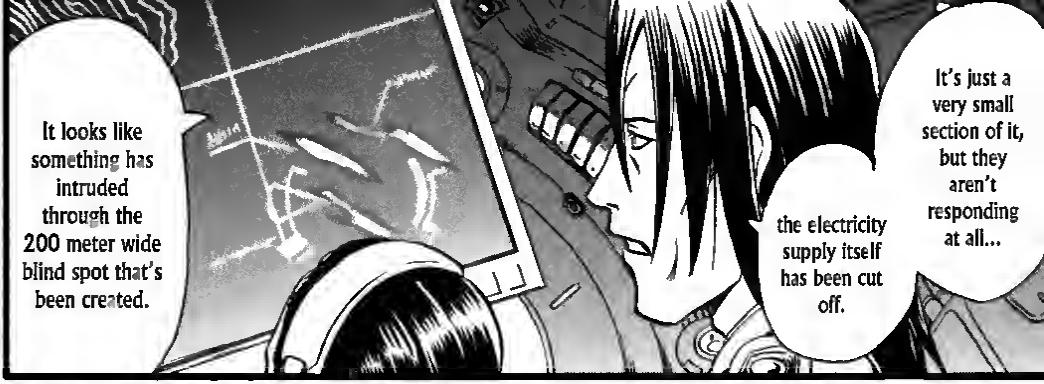
The caliber's small but it's about the firepower of a tank's...
Th-These new bullets are amazing...
This is R11... We've encountered enemy in Area 14... eliminated.
Over.
DUDOOM


Alright, not too bad.
All squads will be in position soon, sir.
This is P31. discovered 6 enemies and eliminated them by sniping.
This is G21. deployment is complete. Awaiting orders...

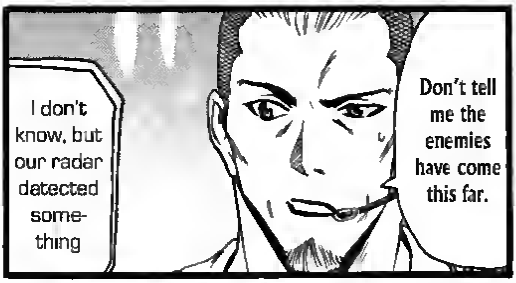
I barely even noticed...
Even if I can see 360° around me, I still just focus on the front. It's habit from when I'm not on one of these...

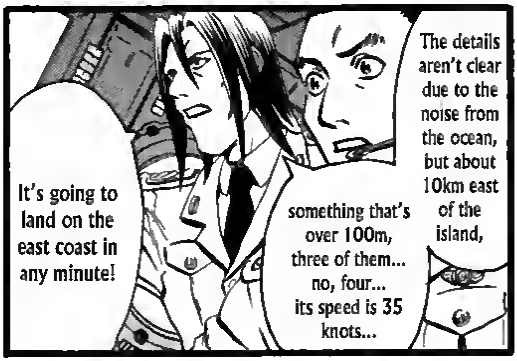

Put 'em through.
Colonel Kaminaga... Reports from the "Hagakure" sir.

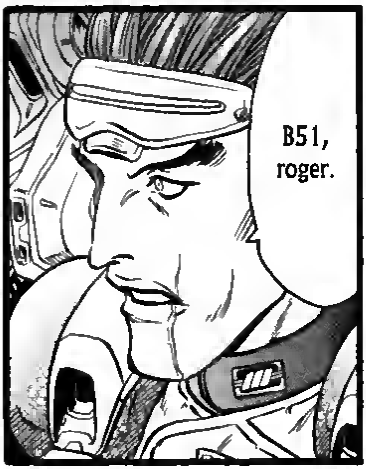
Chiba-kun, I want you to set up the traps and sensors
OK.. Let's set up our base here
We should secure the coastline as an escape route also
Tsukahara-kun and Tsukumo-kun, I want you to go check it out just in case we need it.
The weather is starting to look bad.
Tanba-kun, have you found anything?
No movements so far...
I don't know ...
But I'm getting a bad feeling...
Y.Yeah
C'mon, let's go Tsukahara...
R18, roger.
The Marine Defense Line isn't responding?

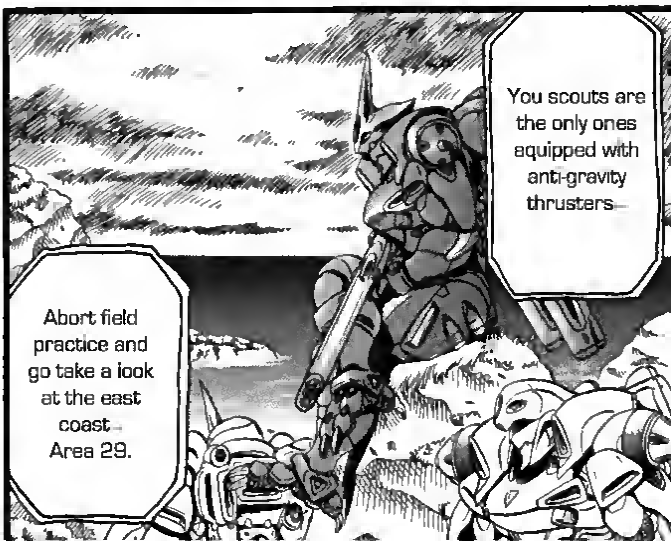

It looks like something has intruded through the 200 meter wide blind spot that's been created.
the electricity supply itself has been cut off.
It's just a very small section of it, but they aren't responding at all...

Got it... I'll have Squad #5 check it out.
Nogi! You hear me!?

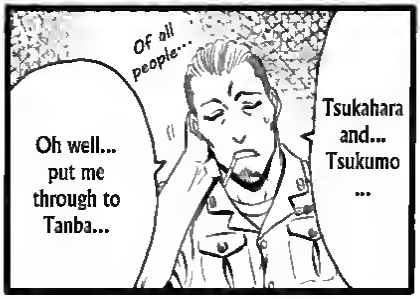

I don't know, but our radar detected some-thing
Don't tell me the enemies have come this far.

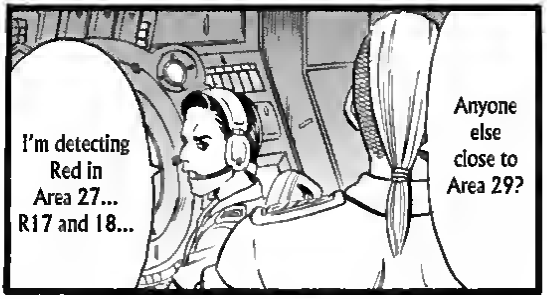

It's going to land on the east coast in any minute!
something that's over 100m, three of them... no, four... its speed is 35 knots...
The details aren't clear due to the noise from the ocean, but about 10km east of the island,


B51, roger.

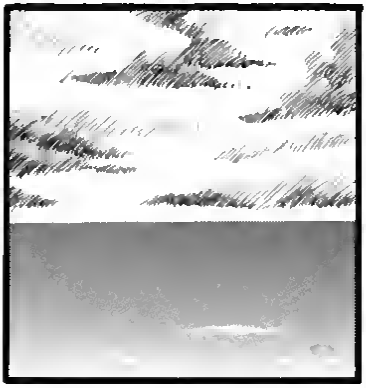

You scouts are the only ones equipped with anti-gravity thrusters.
Abort field practice and go take a look at the east coast. Area 29.

Follow me.
WHISH

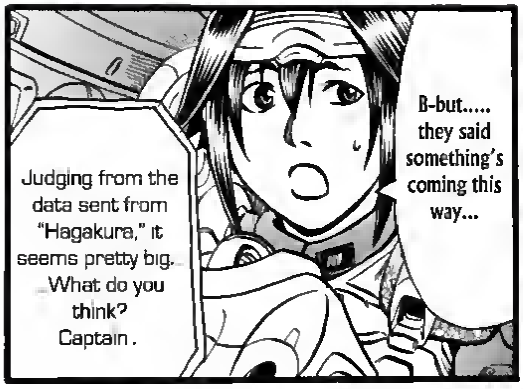

Of all people...
Oh well... put me through to Tanba...
Tsukahara and... Tsukumo ...


I'm detecting Red in Area 27... R17 and 18...
Anyone else close to Area 29?

I hope this doesn't turn into something ugly.....
.....



Just shut up and listen, girl from Jupiter...
Hey there, hey there, heeey theeeere, R14 here
Can Iorin help you with something?


Judging from the data sent from "Hagakura," it seems pretty big. What do you think? Captain.
B-but..... they said something's coming this way...

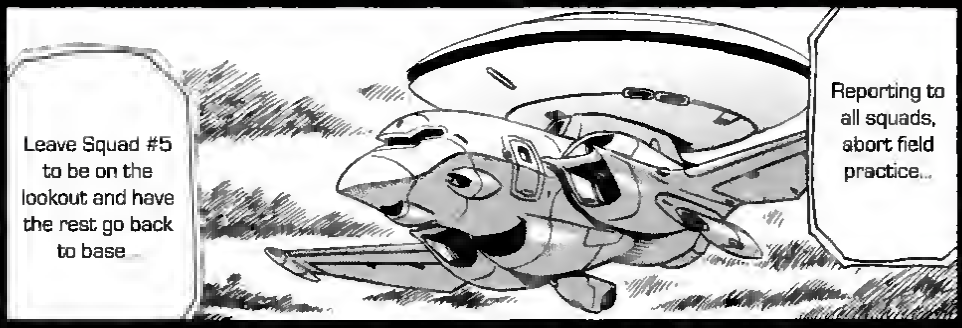
Huh? Field practice is called off? But·
Squad B will arrive there in a little under two minutes.
I'll go too, just in case.

.....and that's the story, you two see anything?
No. Nothing.
We can't see the defense line from here anyways. maybe it got stormy offshore?

SLASH

What do you want?
THAT!!
THAT!!
The view from here isn't really good.
Let's move a little and...
Hey...!! Tsu-Tsukumo -san!!
.....
This's gotta be....
SKRIII...
ROARRRR..

VOOOSH



FEAR UNHINGES THE WILL, AND BY UNHINGING THE WILL IT PARALYSES THE REASON; THOUGHTS ARE DISPERSED IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN PLACE OF BEING CONCENTRATED ON ONE DEFINITE AIM ...WHILST MORAL FEAR IS LARGELY OVERCOME BY COURAGE BASED ON REASON, PHYSICAL FEAR IS OVERCOME BY COURAGE BASED ON PHYSICAL MEANS.

MAJOR GENERAL OF THE BRITISH ARMY
J.F.C. FULLER

"Hagakure," roger..
It'll be quicker to aim with the main cannon...
The enemies are pretty big ones...bring around the "Hagakure" to the east coast for me.

NINE-TENTHS OF TACTICS ARE CERTAIN, AND TAUGHT IN BOOKS;
BUT THE IRRATIONAL TENTH IS LIKE THE KINGFISHER FLASHING ACROSS THE POOL, AND THAT IS THE TEST OF GENERALS. IT CAN ONLY BE ENSURED BY INSTINCT, SHARPENED BY THOUGHT PRACTICING THE STROKE SO OFTEN THAT AT THE CRISIS IT IS AS NATURAL AS A REFLEX.

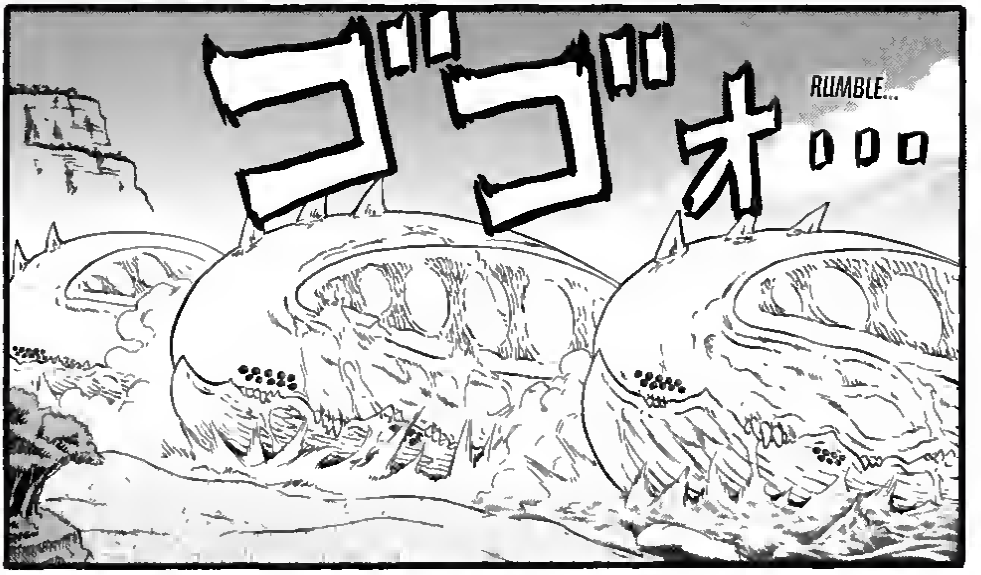
COLONEL OF THE BRITISH ARMY
T.E. LAWRENCE

Get Equipment A9 ready for the snipers and each captain before the experimental unit returns... and muster the Emergency 'Crisis Management' Team as well...
and dispatch the 46th armoured infantry squadron that's stationed on the island.
Use satellite transmission to send a warning out to the surrounding sea area...

We've entered an irregular encounter combat due to a surprise attack by the enemy....
We've entered an irregular encounter combat...
I repeat, this is not field practice...

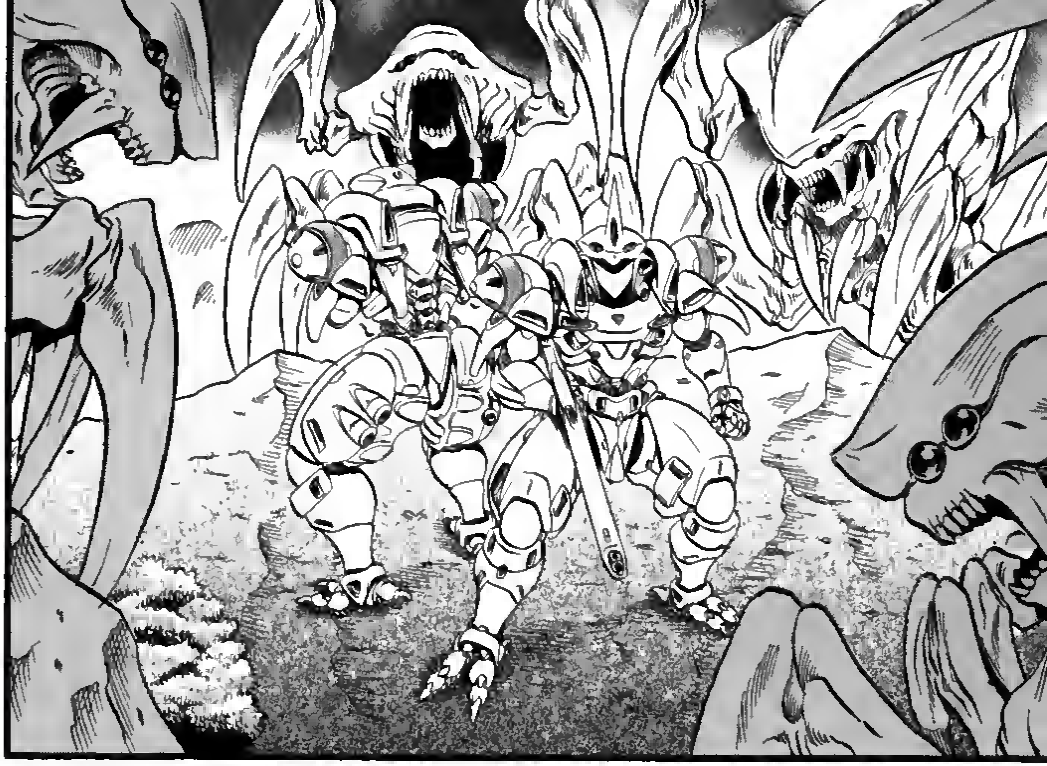
OPEN COMBAT

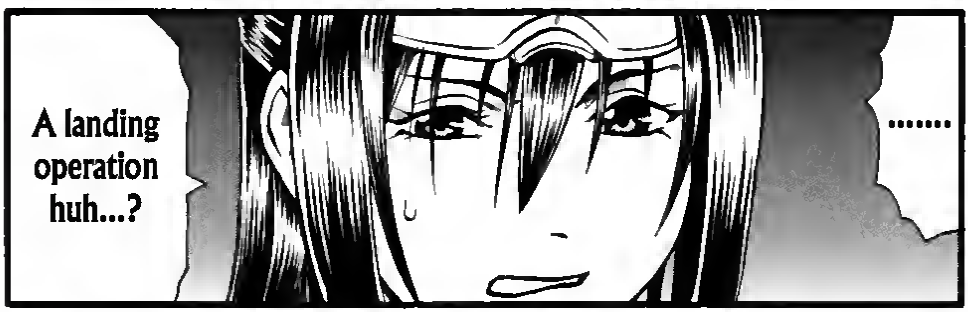
PHASE:9 狼煙



RUMMMBLE...
LOOM...
Y-Yeah...
For now, let's pull out...
.....
Well isn't THIS just wonderful.
PLOC
PLOC
?
!

D-D-D-D-D-D-DOOM
SPLRK
ROLL
ROLL
THUMP
STAB
CRACK
KTHUD
!?
THWUMP
What the!?
.....!?
FWISH
FWISH




A landing operation huh...?
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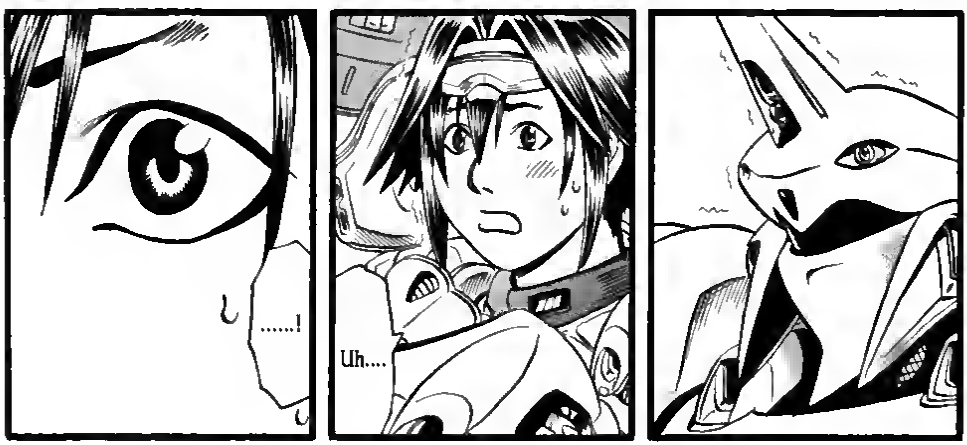
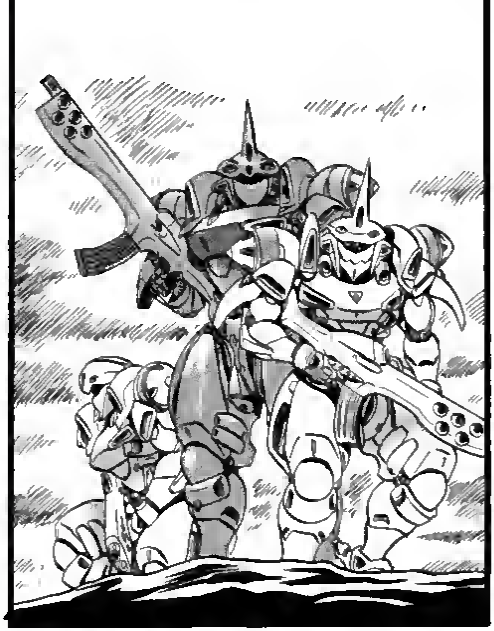

.....!
Uh....

Is this for real? It's not part of field practice...?

You got the images from the two right? They're totally real...

Looks like those two got surrounded..



It'll be a disadvantage to not have anti-gravity thrusters in this terrain

We should follow orders and head back..

Captain!! Let's go and help those two!!

This isn't the time to be heading back!!

Then neither of them probably have any time to communicate...

Especially Takechi, he isn't seeing too clearly... maybe he's panicking...?

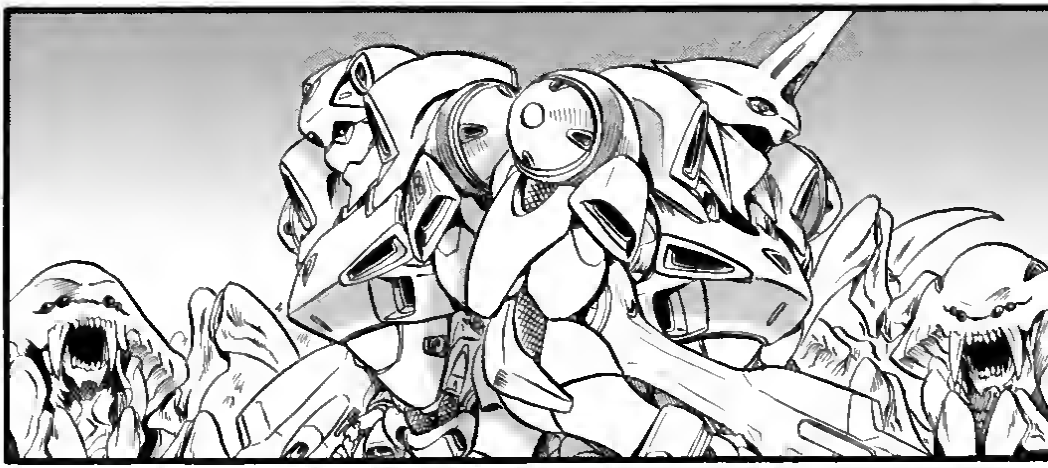
R11 to 14.....

This is 14...

.....

Yeah but...

Tanba-kun, I want to talk to Colonel Kaminaga directly.
Put me through on a private line with him...



BA-DUMP
...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
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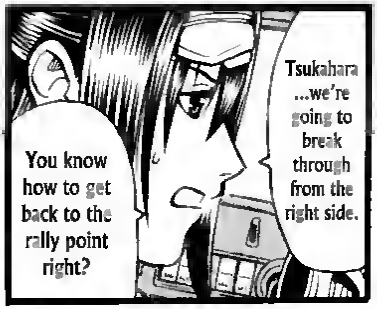
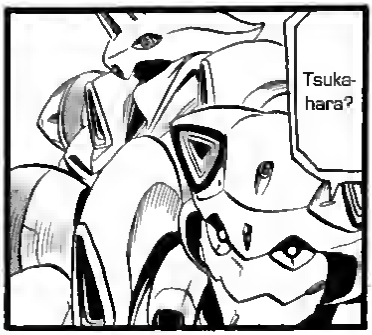
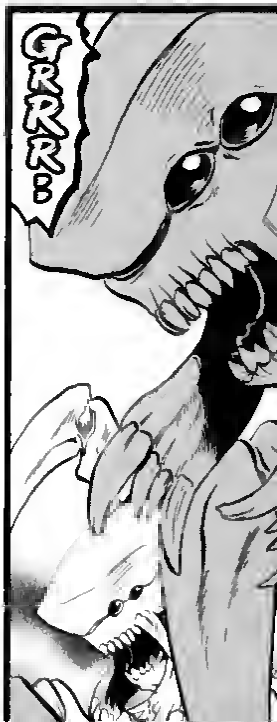
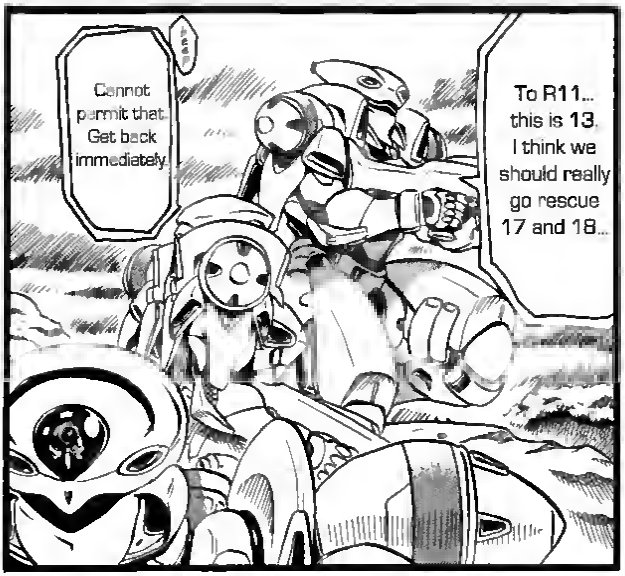

You know how to get back to the rally point right?
Tsukahara ...we're going to break through from the right side.

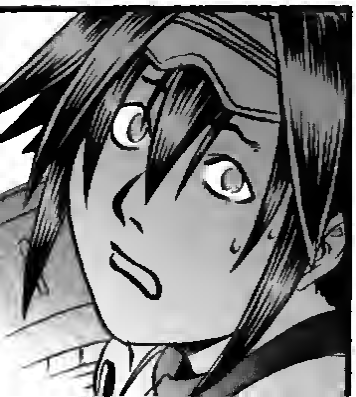

Tsuka-hara?


GRRR!

.....!!

Is it combat shell shock? Or is it...
There's an abnormality in Takechi-kun's mental levels!..

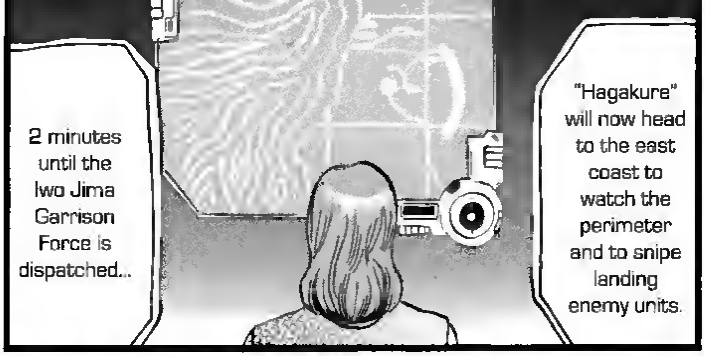

Cannot permit that. Get back immediately.
To R11... this is 13. I think we should really go rescue 17 and 18...

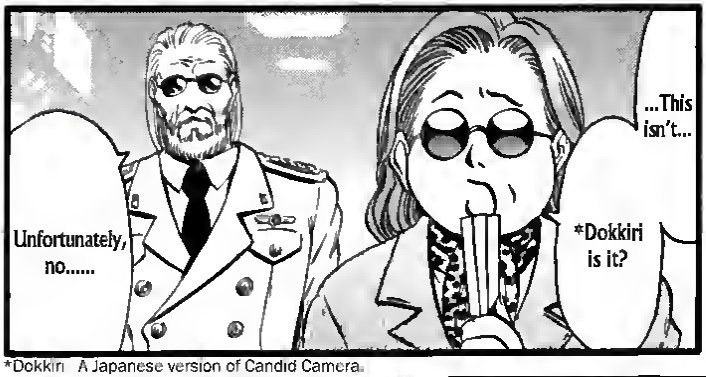


GYARRR

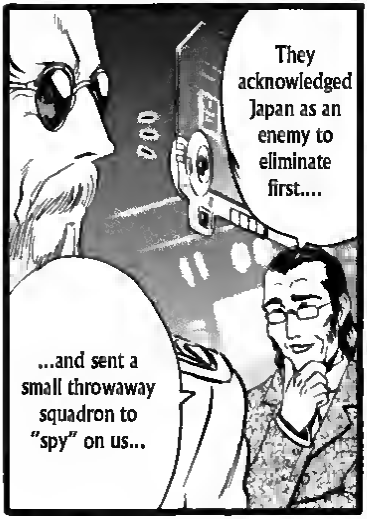
WHIP
BLAM
KABOOM

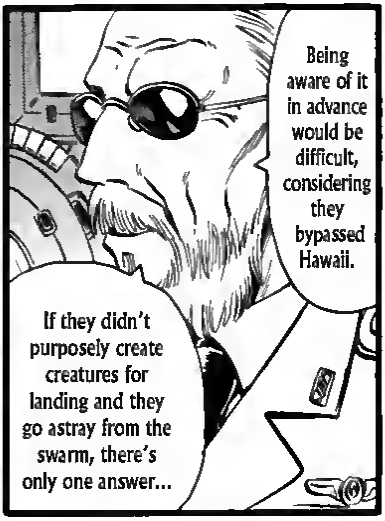
You idiot!! Get it together Tsukahara!!
We gotta run before they block off our escape route!!
But why? This isn't like them.
Even if they can deceive the radars, with these numbers, the outcome is obvious to start with...
Normally they'd come in larger numbers to completely crush us...
I would've never thought that they'd pass right by Hawaii and attack...
Well I'll be damned...
The total number of enemies is over 300. They're spreading rapidly
It's me....
What?
.....You seriously going to do that?
?
Colonel Kaminaga,
I'm getting transmission from R11, sir...
Put him through.
I'll authorize.
.....Guess we don't have a choice right now....

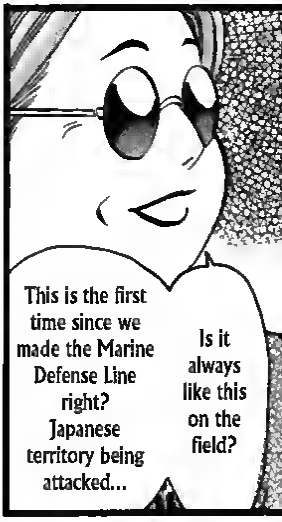

2 minutes until the Iwo Jima Garrison Force is dispatched...
"Hagakure" will now head to the east coast to watch the perimeter and to snipe landing enemy units.



*Dokkiri A Japanese version of Candid Camera.




Being aware of it in advance would be difficult, considering they bypassed Hawaii.
If they didn't purposely create creatures for landing and they go astray from the swarm, there's only one answer...


This is the first time since we made the Marine Defense Line right? Japanese territory being attacked...
Is it always like this on the field?

I mean, it'll allow for the new unit's capabilities to be assessed correctly, isn't that right?
...but maybe this is a good thing though.
KAVOOM
KTOOTK
Urg
!
Sh*t!! I don't have enough bullets!!
CLINK
GRIP
have to shoot...
I.....

CRACK
!
GRRR...
DON'T JUST STOP!!
Tsuka-hara!!
KBAM

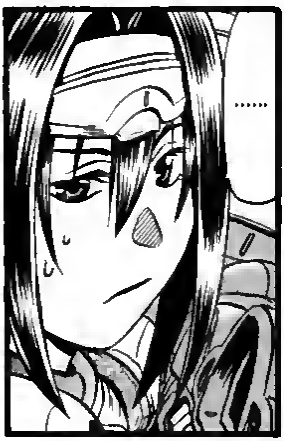
AAGH !!!
SLAM!
17
GRAA!!
CLINK
カラ
カラ
CLINK
DAMN !!
FLINCH
Oww
!?

ZBAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

You guys go down the blocked path on the left... we'll cut down the number of enemies.
10 more minutes until the guys that went back to base camp and the defense squads come.

..You guys sure don't have any luck. Your escape route's full of enemies
!

Get up Tsukahara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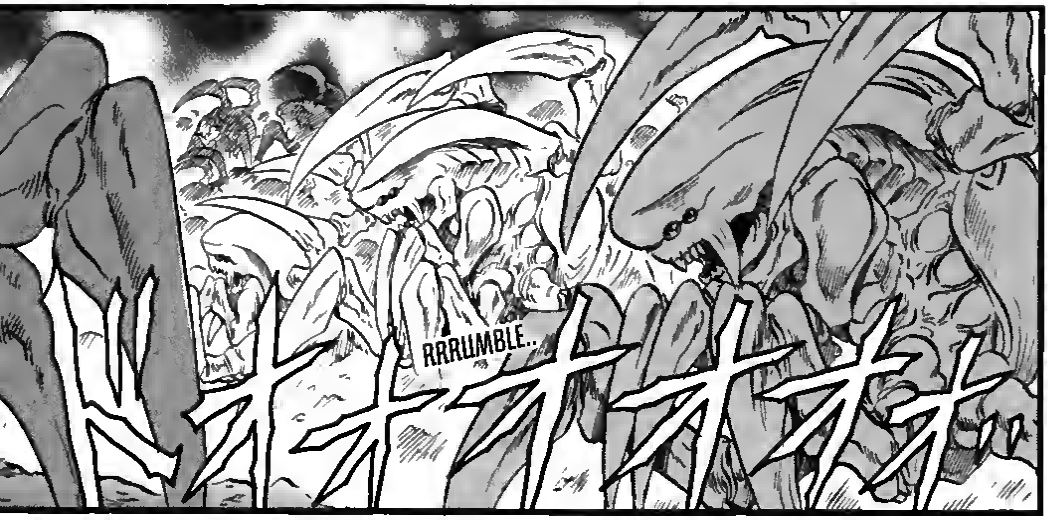
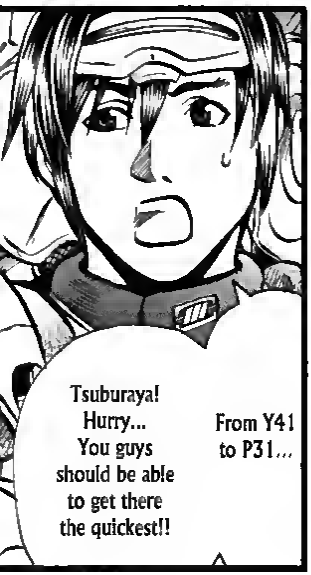
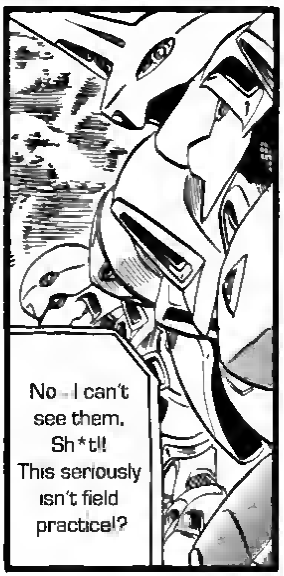

RRRUMBLE...

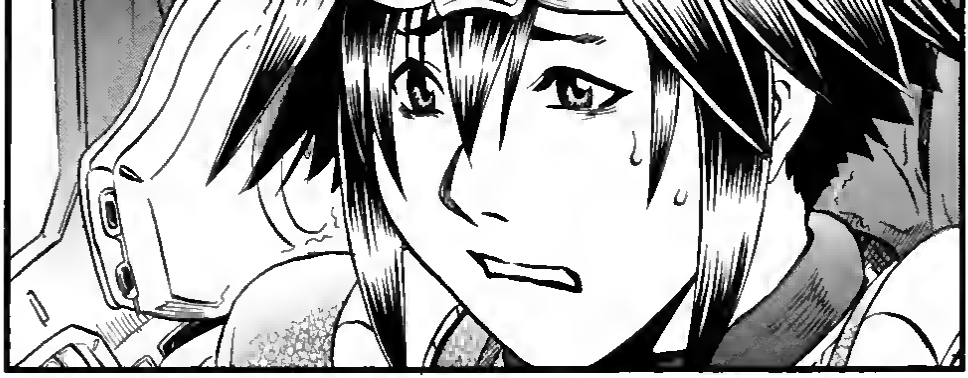
To Y41... this is G21...
It seems as though the enemies are expanding quickly.... Captain Sanada, are you able to see the enemy from where you are?

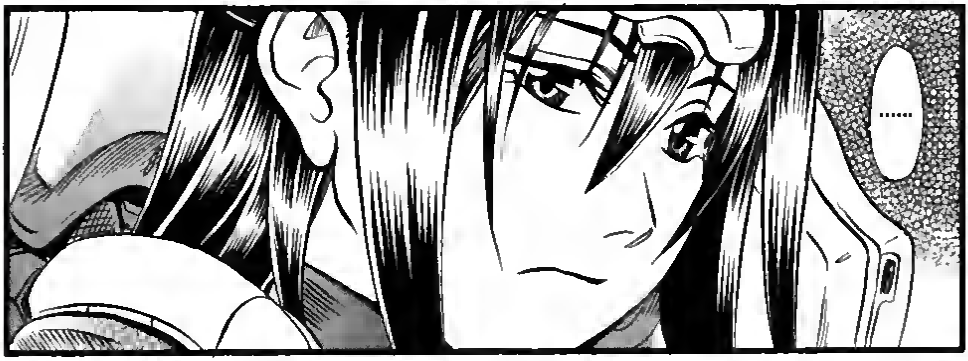

From Y41 to P31...
Tsuburaya! Hurry... You guys should be able to get there the quickest!!


No... I can't see them. Sh*t! This seriously isn't field practice!?

Sister !!
Hurry, hurry!!
4 minutes before we rush over to Area 29
This is P31. We've arrived at the base.
Hajime-kun?
R11's signal hasn't returned yet....
PSHOOM
PSHOOM

V-VOOM
Those scouts sure are good since they've been through hell...
There's only a few of them but they're fighting effectively.
CLATTER CLATTER

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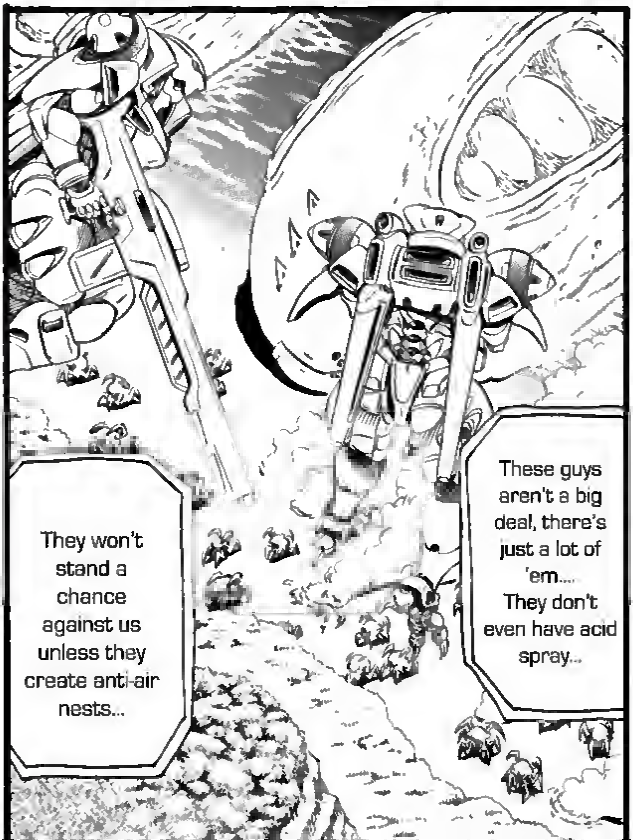
They won't stand a chance against us unless they create anti-air nests...
These guys aren't a big deal, there's just a lot of 'em.... They don't even have acid spray...

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And relocate after each snipe!
Honjo, Umezu, don't go in too deep

We've been training all along for times like these!!
Get it together!! You need to calm down!!
TSUKA-HARA!!
Uh.....um... y-yea...
You still have your handgun so at least have that pulled out!!
Wha-!?
THUMP
!
Um...
hand-gun...
VOOM

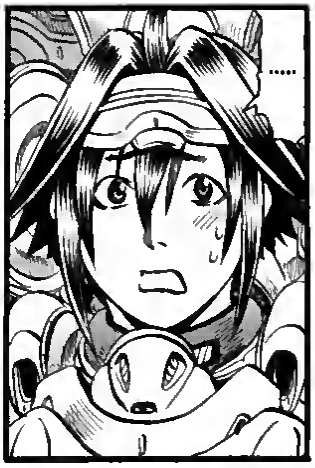
FWOOP
UMEZU
!!
BLAM
P-PSHOOM
PSHOOM

Umezu
!?
What
the
hell is
this!?
FOOM
FOOM
The discharge and impact were almost simultaneous... Is this...
Even the exo-skeleton's eyes can't see it?
VWOOM...
...a railgun?
Sh-
Sh-Shard... There's a shard in my sides...
Umezu!! You alright!? I'm coming...
GOD DAMMIT!! IT HURTS!!!
CRASH
UGH!!

SNAP
SKRSH
SPLOCH
A...AH... AGHHH-HHHH!!!

A single unit sniping 400m above ground?
A new species again!?

Boss, They got 53!!
Is the "Hagakure" here yet!?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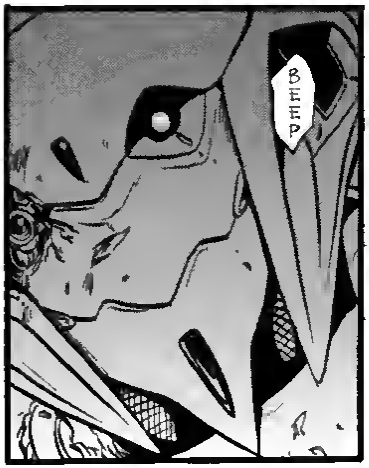

BLIP

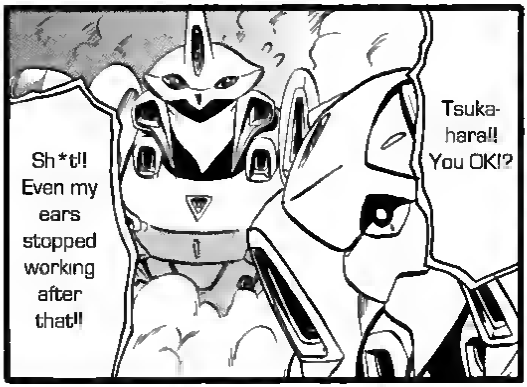
CLENCH
CLENCH
RIPP..
POP

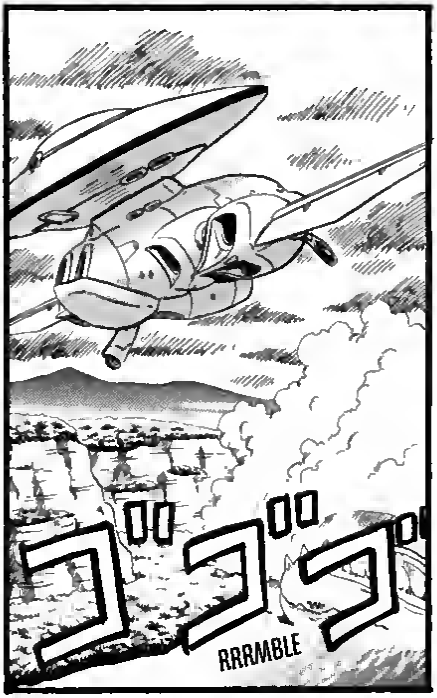
BADOOM
WHAT WAS THAT!?
DID HE SELF-DESTRUCT!?
WHOAH!!
FWOOSH
Are those measures only for Squad #5?
Or are they...
There had been no signs of life already...
...Now *that*...
...*even I* haven't heard about.
.....

They are measures to protect the secrets of the P7.
Oh, Hattori-kun? You called me at a good time...
You were golfing today right? How's the ol' driver doing?
Oh I know, I know..... that's a hard course.
!
.....
Is that a phone call?
Yes... I'm going to step out for a minute.
Then can you face all the sensors towards the east coast area?
Yeah... in Mode C...
I mean, they purposely sent in throwaway soldiers.
I knew I could count on you! That's why I like you so much Hattori-kun...
Yeah... the satellite we launched the other day..... Huh? You already brought it around?
So, that made you feel down and you decided to monitor?
Well that makes things easy... You were watching it right? All that....

There should be one...
...a "smart one" watching from some place safe...

I haven't even told anyone besides the captains yet.....!!
What's he think he's doing!?
.....!! That old geezer Yamato...


Sh*t!! Even my ears stopped working after that!!
Tsuka-hara!! You OK!?


RRRMBLE

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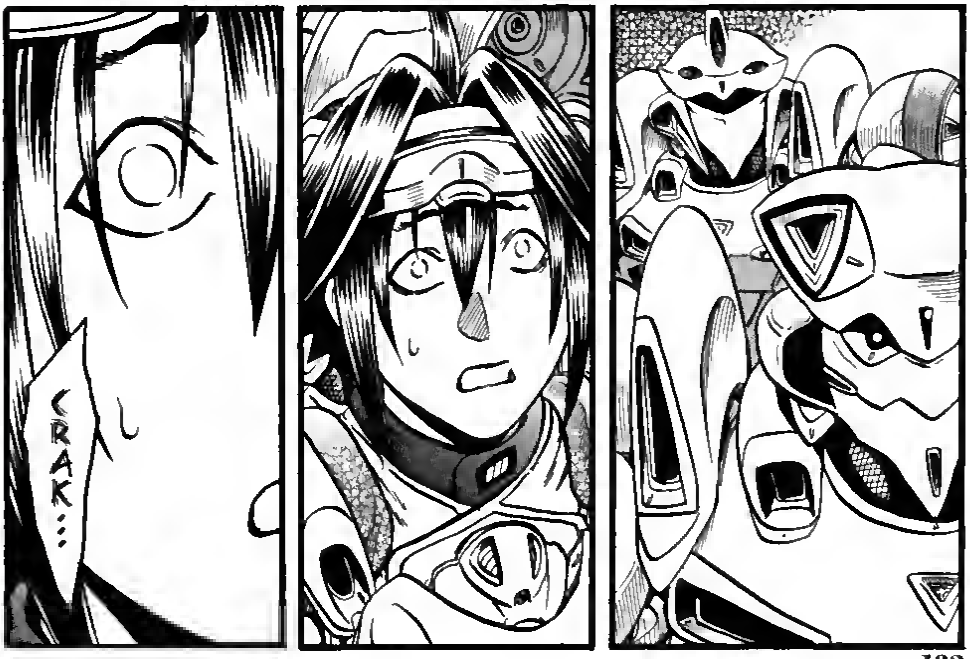
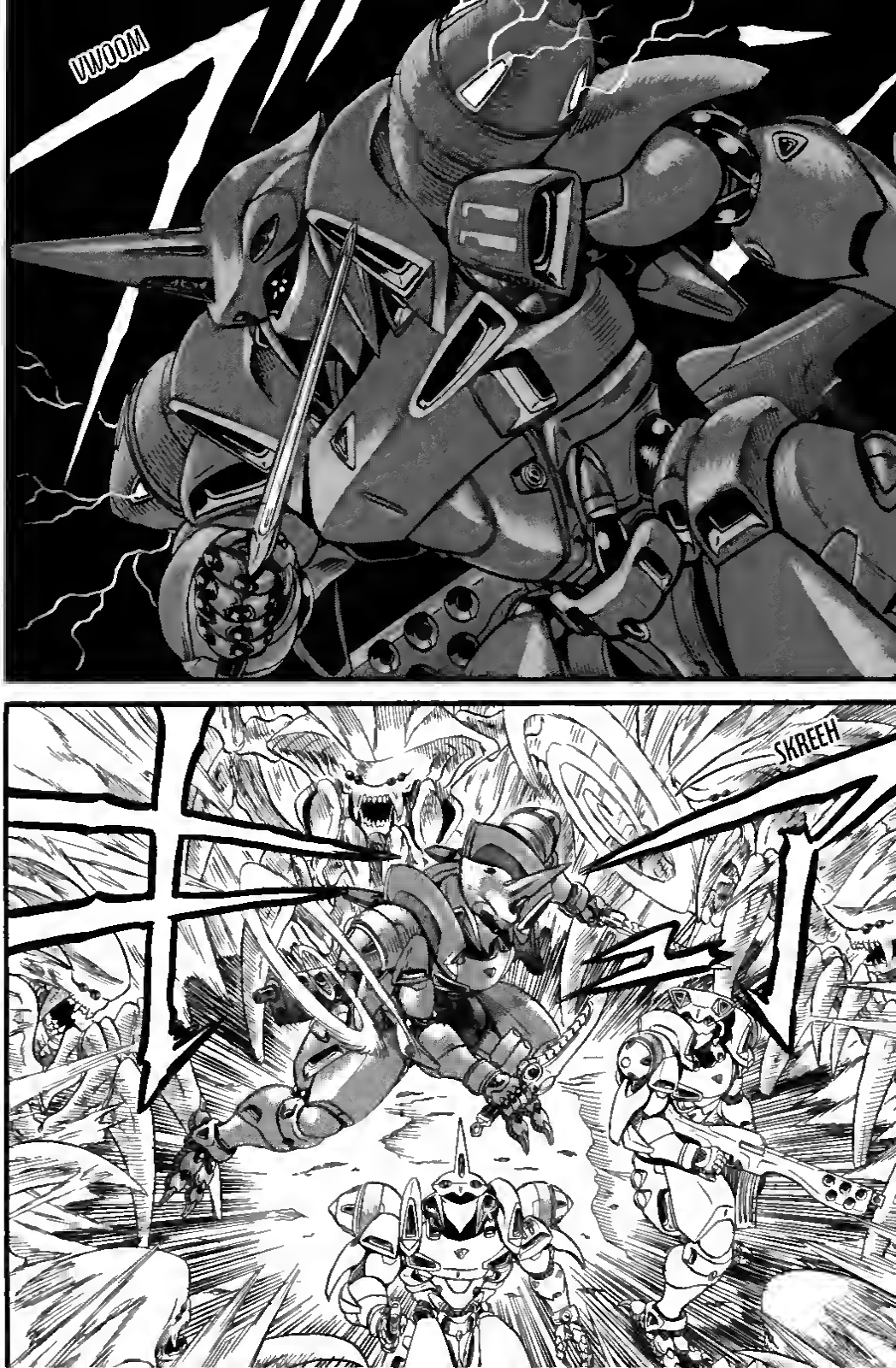

CRAK...

WHARR..
ゴゴゴゴ
SHWOPP
ヒュン
!?
BWOOM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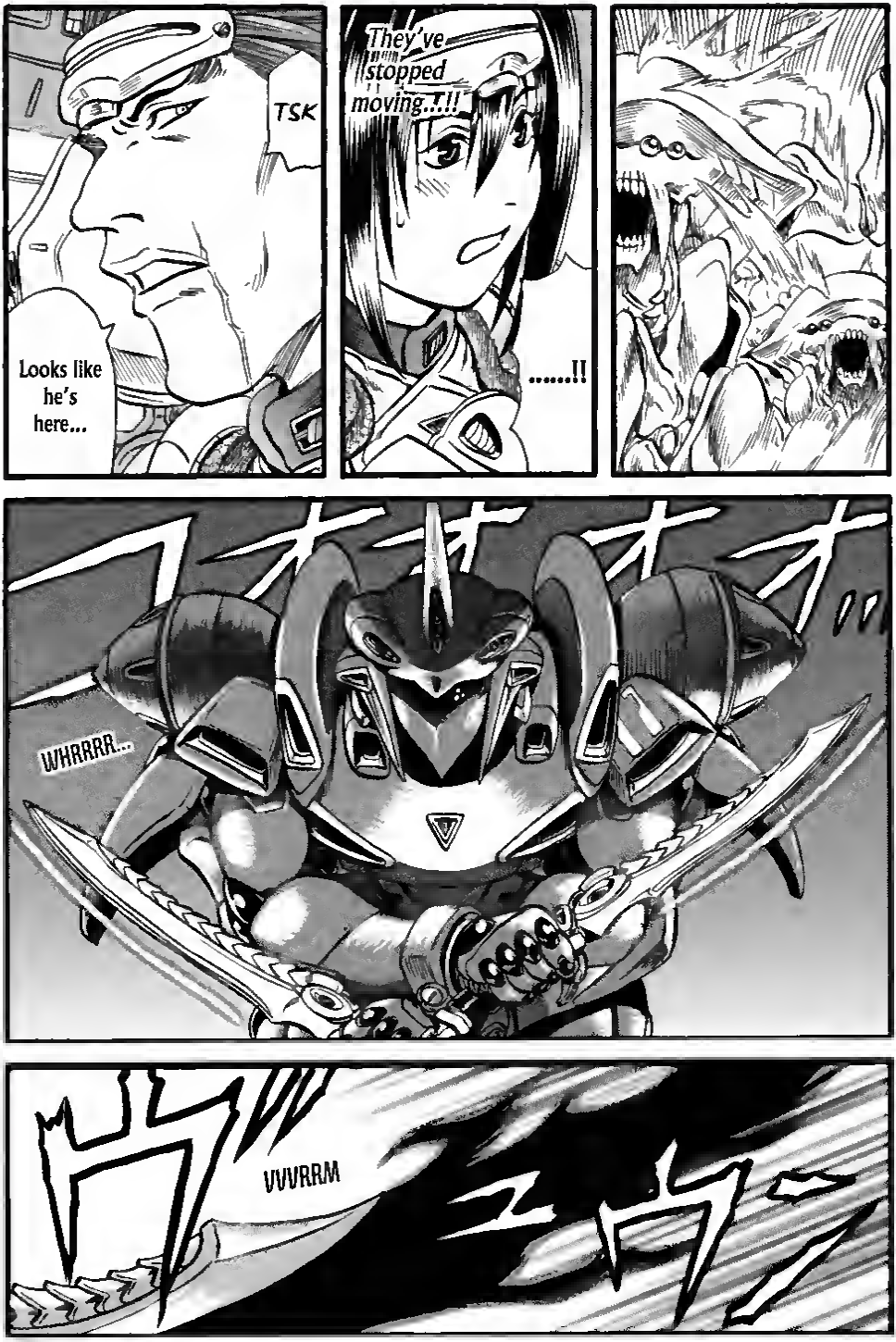
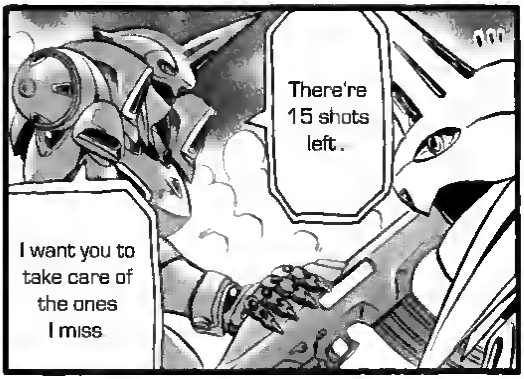
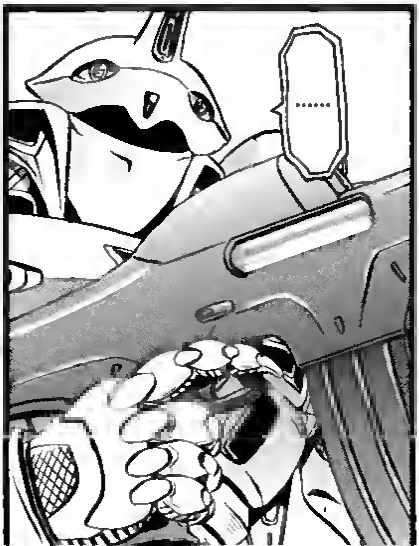
SKREEH


TSK
Looks like he's here...
They've stopped moving...!!!
.....!!
WHRRRR...
VVVRRM


There're 15 shots left.
I want you to take care of the ones I miss

Oh...
C-Captain ...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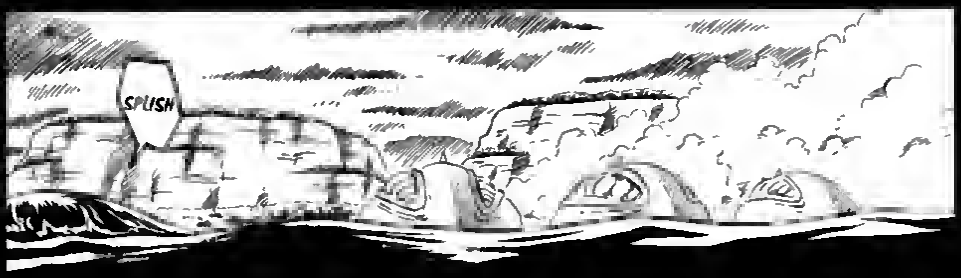
You need to pull yourself together.
You could do it.

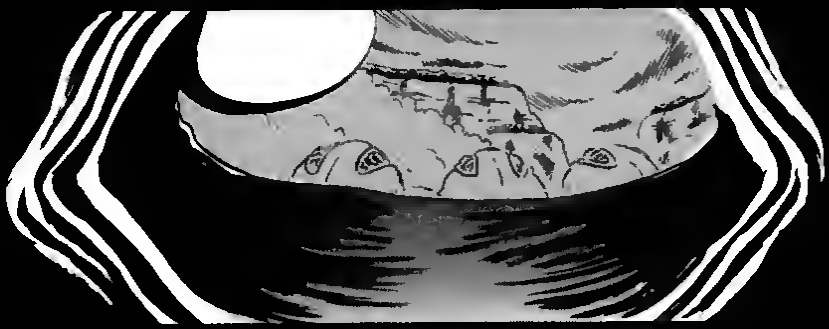
I'm sure you already know but...
I'm not gonna be saving you...
I'm really thankful
...that you protected these two.....
And...
Nogi-kun
.....
So Madoka... I need you to hurry over here.
I'll do what I can to hold out for 5 minutes against them
You don't have much bullets left over ether, right?
H-Hey hold on!! Don't tell me.
you're gonna go alone without even carrying gun with you!?
That's too reckless...!!
If you get sniped by the enemy...
I'll hold off 5 minutes.....
What...
Are you serious!? Hajime-kun ...

YOU HAVE MY WORD.



MEN GROW TIRED OF SLEEP, LOVE, SINGING, AND DANCING
SOONER THAN WAR...

—THE ILIAD—

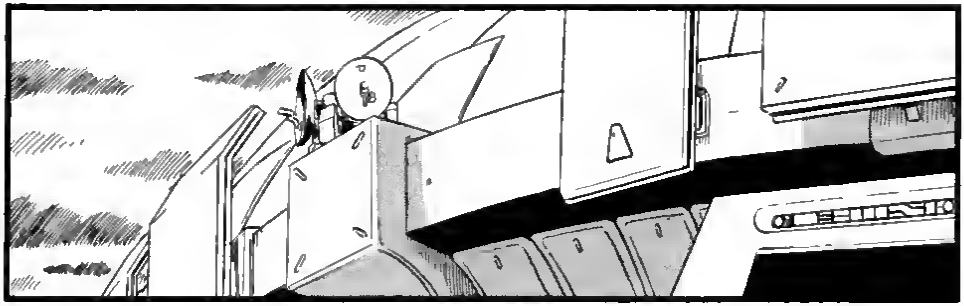


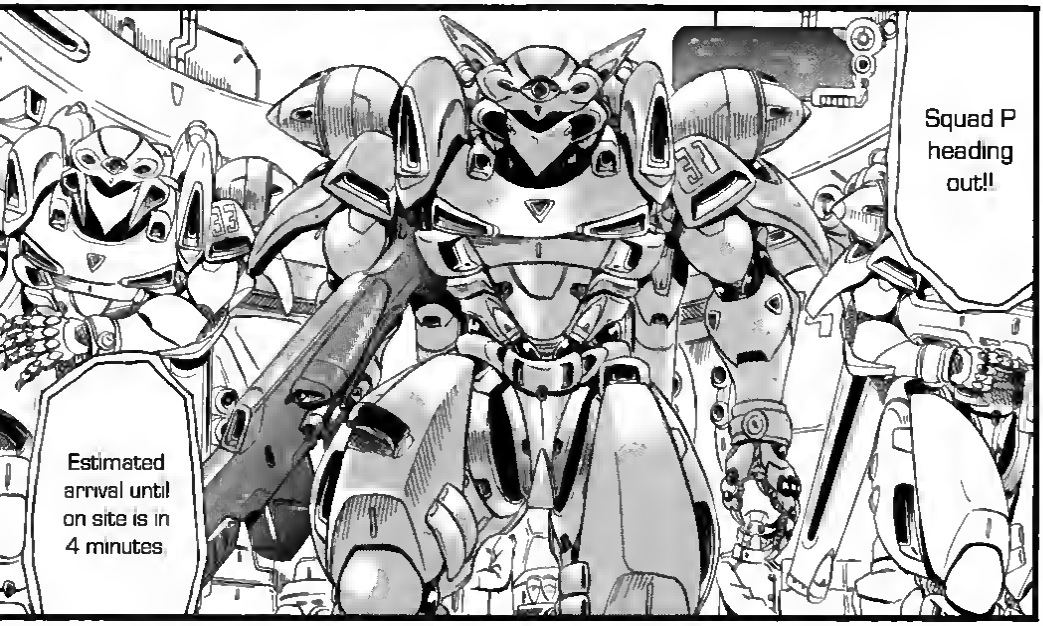
MILITARY TACTICS ARE LIKE UNTO WATER,
FOR WATER IN ITS NATURAL COURSE RUNS AWAY FROM HIGH PLACES AND HASTENS DOWNWARDS. SO IN WAR, THE WAY IS TO AVOID WHAT IS STRONG AND TO STRIKE AT WHAT IS WEAK. WATER SHAPES ITS COURSE ACCORDING TO THE NATURE OF THE GROUND OVER WHICH IT FLOWS; THE SOLDIER WORKS OUT HIS VICTORY IN RELATION TO THE FOE WHOM HE IS FACING.

—SUN TZU—

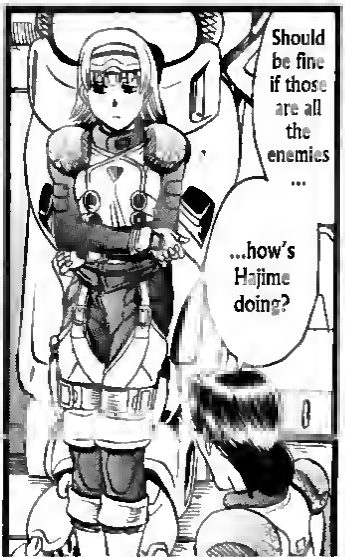
BORN TO KILL

PHASE:10 生来必殺

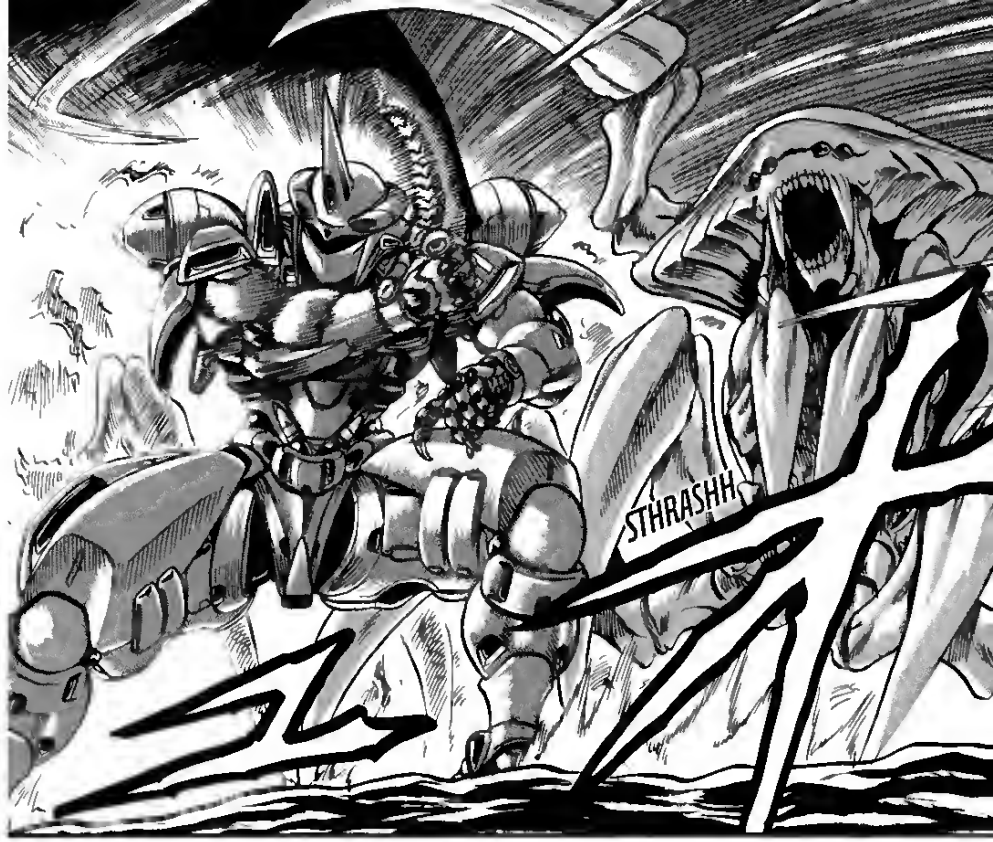



Squad P heading out!!
Estimated arrival until on site is in 4 minutes

Yes...
Ito-san's sure having fun out there...


Should be fine if those are all the enemies ...
...how's Hajime doing?

C'mon!! Hurry up and get us out there too!!
Sergeant Chiba!! Prepare your ammo while you can right now!!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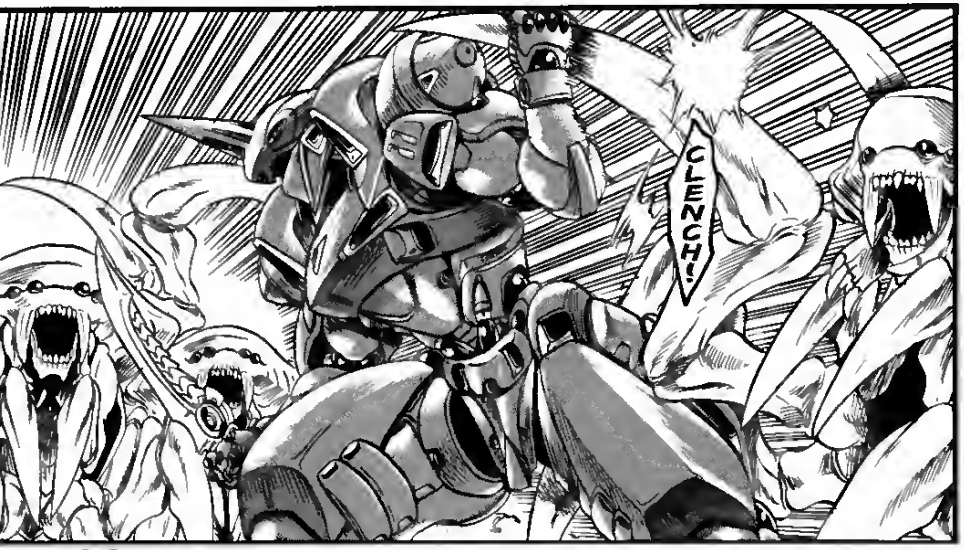
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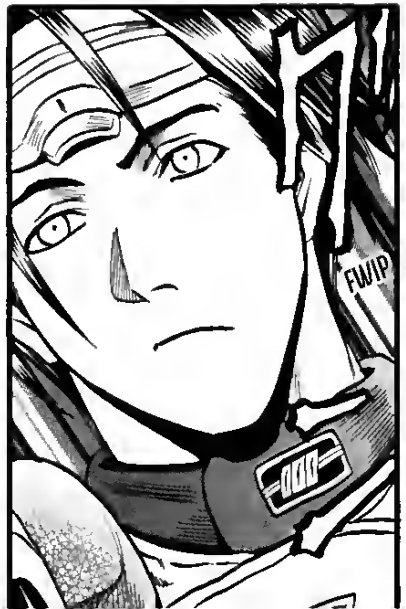
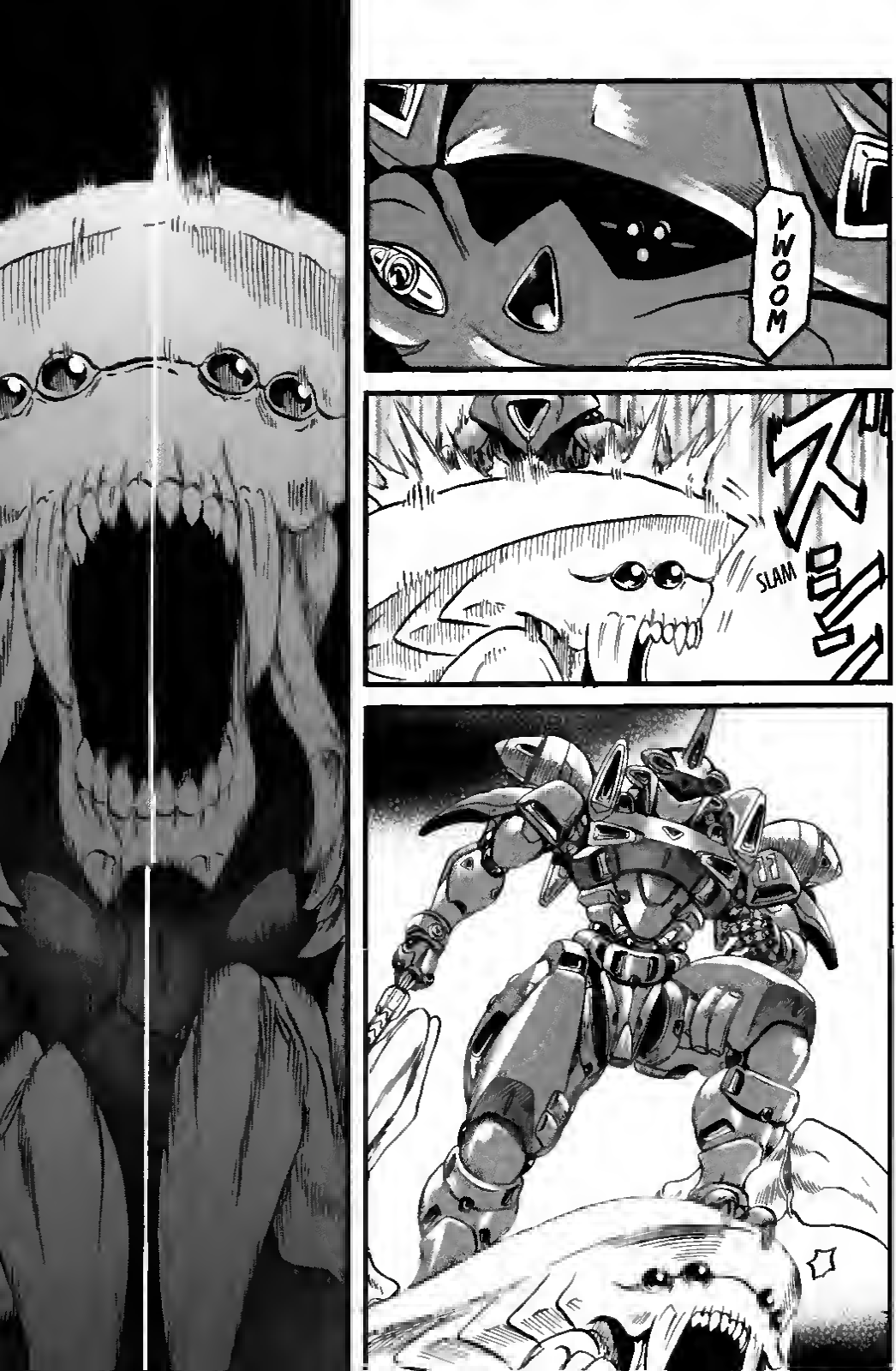
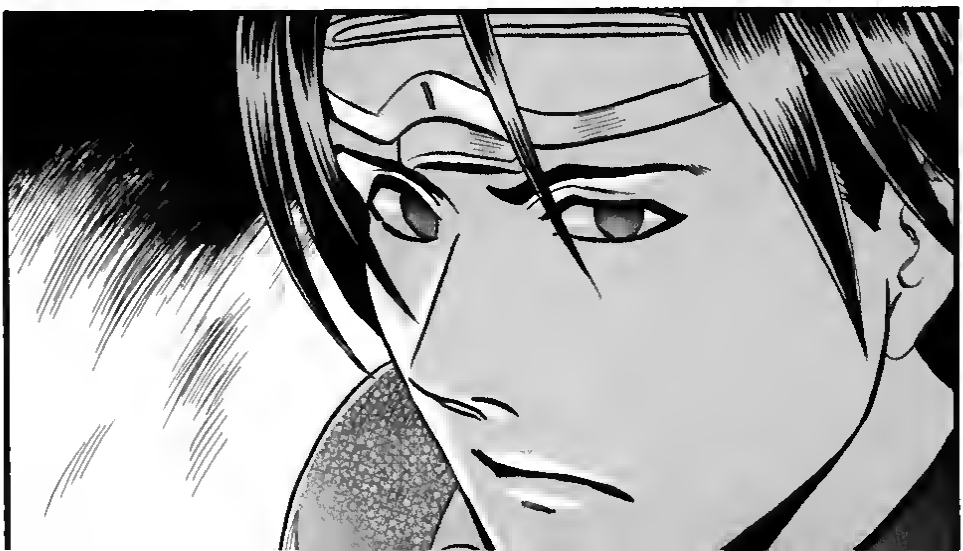

FWIP

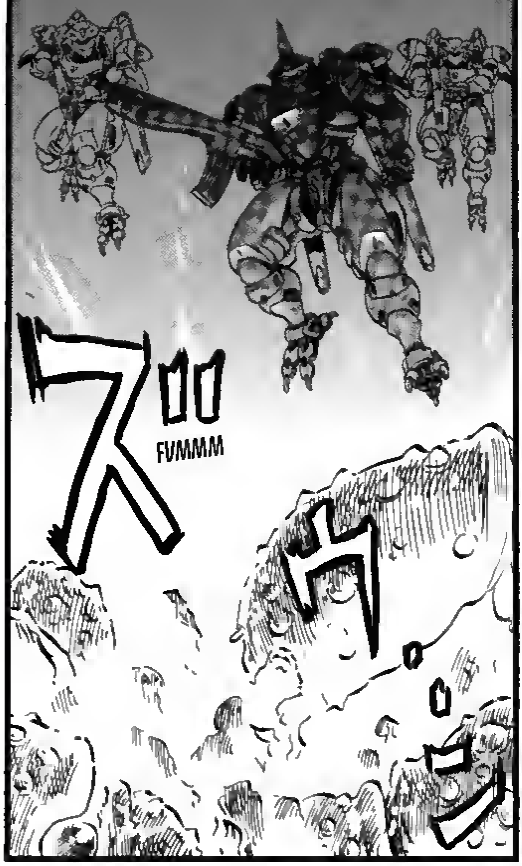
WOOSH

CRASH
JUMP
SHLASHHH


VWOOM
SLAM

KA-VOOM


These exo-skeltons had this much potential?!
Too fast, my eyes can't follow at all...
STOMP
THOOM
VWUM


FVMMM

GRAAAH!!!
BA-D-D-D-D-DA

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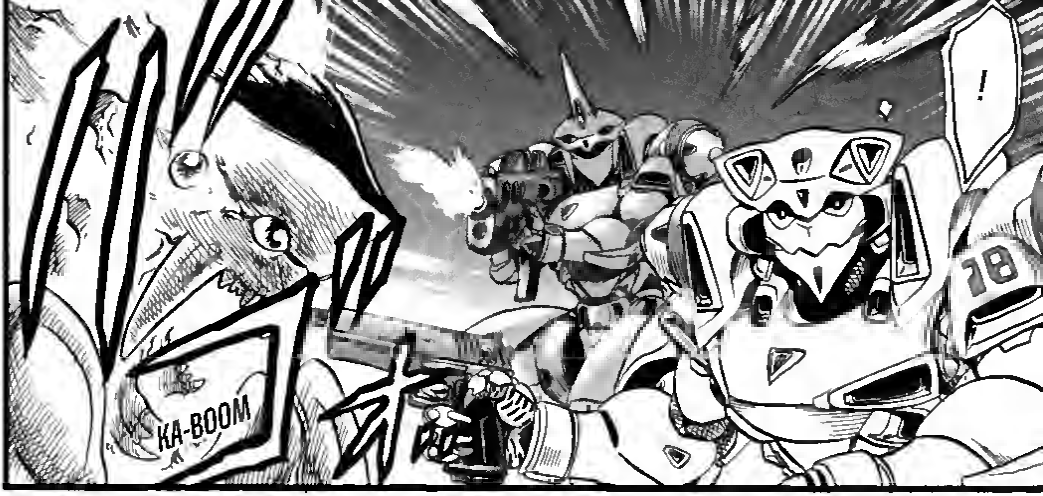
We're gonna take out all the sniper units before the "Hagakure" gets here.
Ignore the small fries.

KA-B-B-BAM
ズガガガ
CLINK
Toss
Grrl
BLAM
WHAM


KA-BOOM
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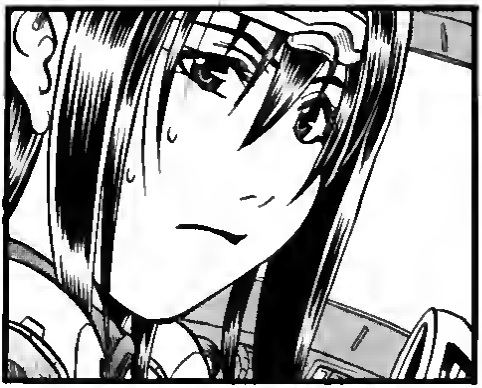
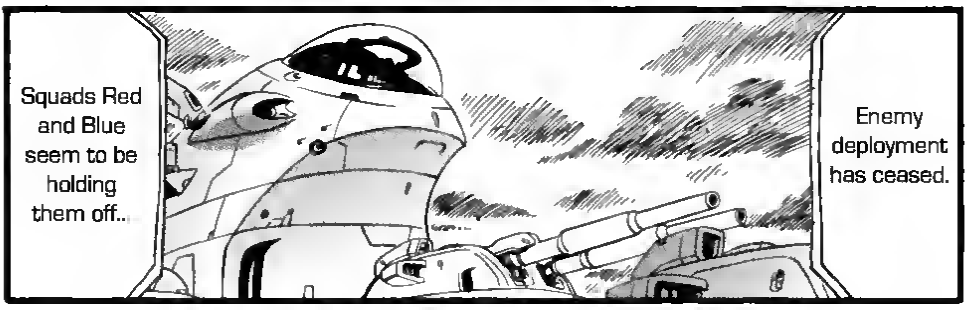
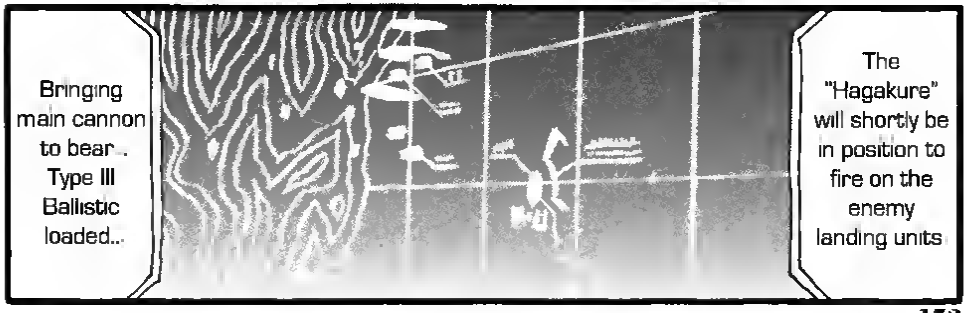
HAH
HAH




Squads Red and Blue seem to be holding them off..
Enemy deployment has ceased.


Bringing main cannon to bear.. Type III Ballistic loaded...
The "Hagakure" will shortly be in position to fire on the enemy landing units

And this "Tiger Pearce" seems to have turned out really well, no...?
But really, the first term student's are on a whole nother level...
Approx-imately 150 enemies remaining .
3 minutes until Squad P arrives.
Such a display of disgrace we've shown...
Even given that they breached our defense line by surprise...
I'm not so nice as to let you off the hook by just firing you, y'know?
On the field, of course...
And I intend to have you take full responsi-bility.
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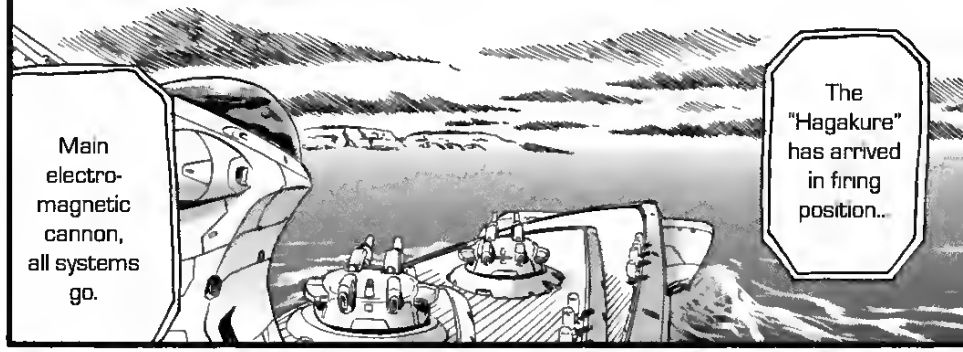
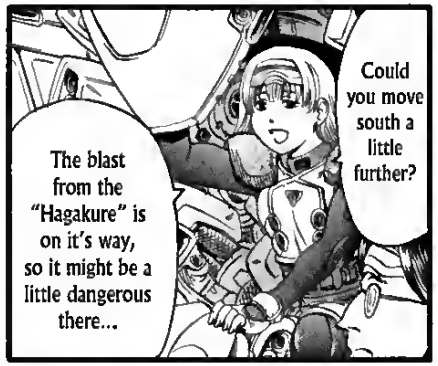
Main cannon, open fire!
Main cannon is locked on to enemy landing unit.
Main cannon, firing.

VUUUUUMM
FIRE!!!


Main electro-magnetic cannon, all systems go.
The "Hagakure" has arrived in firing position..


The blast from the "Hagakure" is on it's way, so it might be a little dangerous there...
Could you move south a little further?

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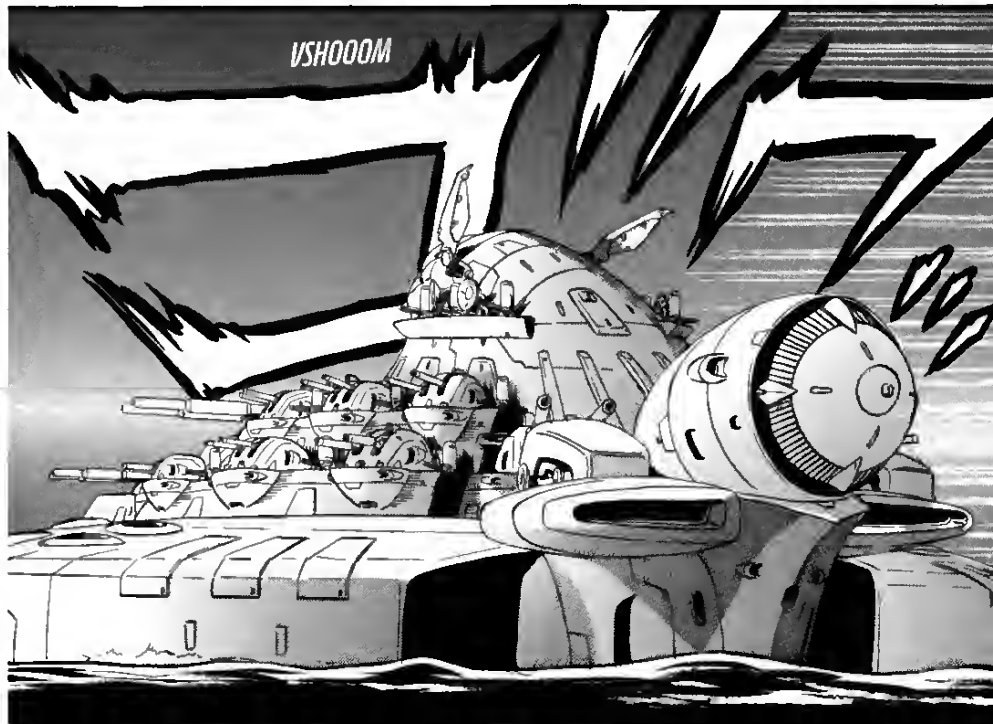
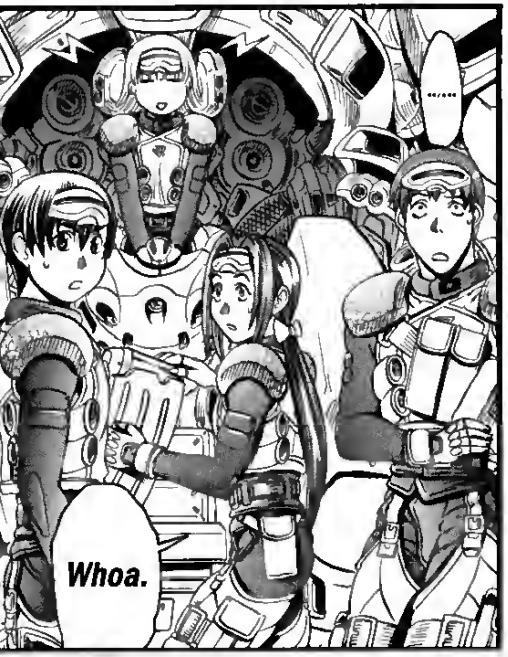
Takechi-kuuun Tsukumo-saaan!
Iorin here!


VSHOOOM

KOOOOM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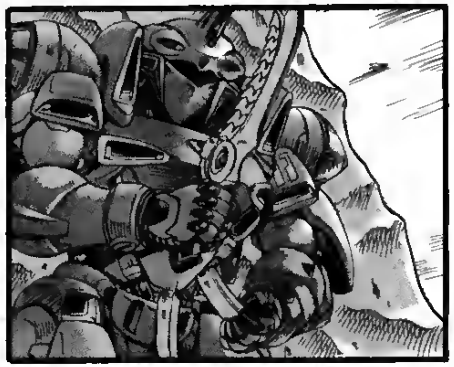

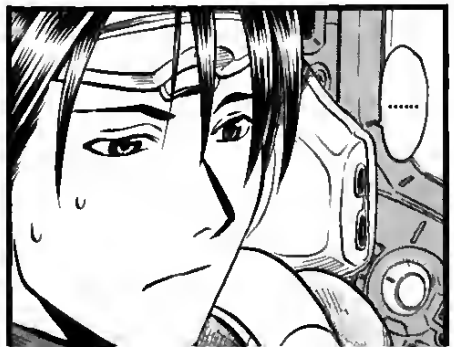
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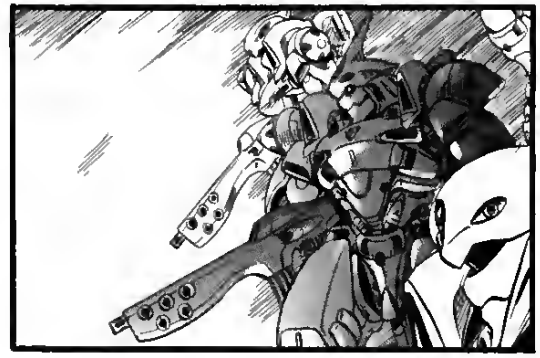
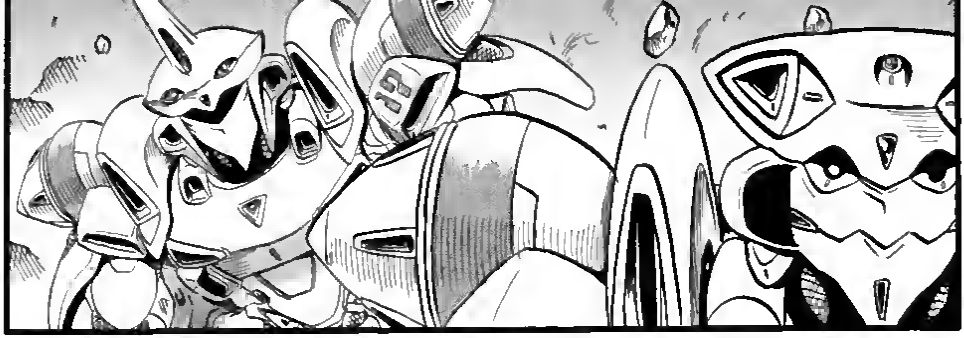
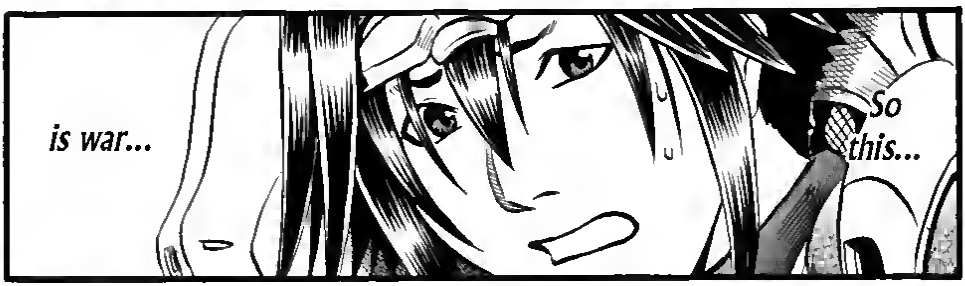
What power!!
.....!!



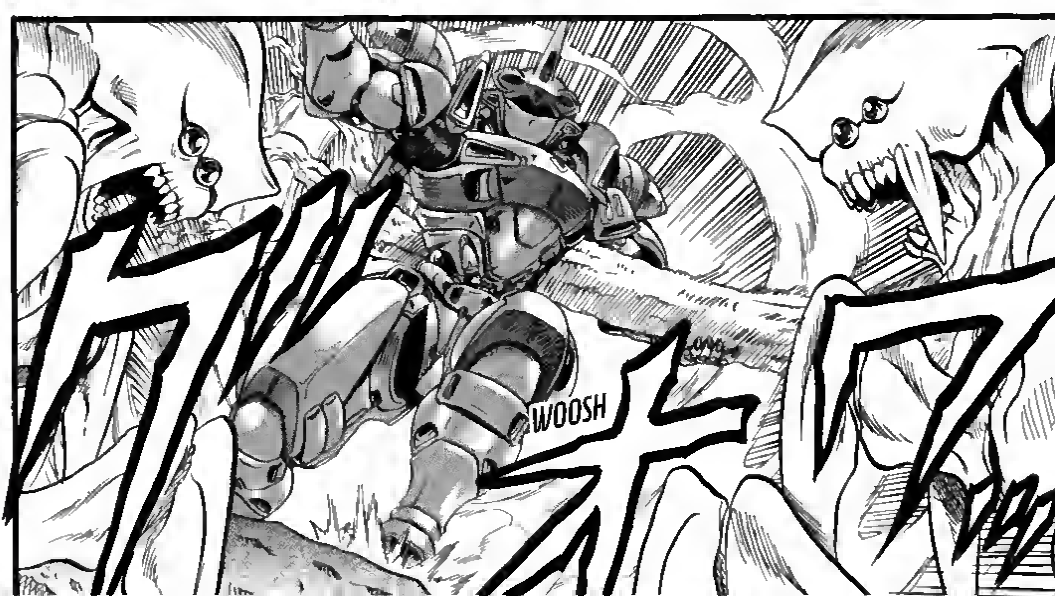
WHOOSH
UAAGH !!!




is war...
So this...

THOMP

CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
CRUNCH!!


WOOSH

SHVOOM
SKRICH
WOOSH

SHVOOM

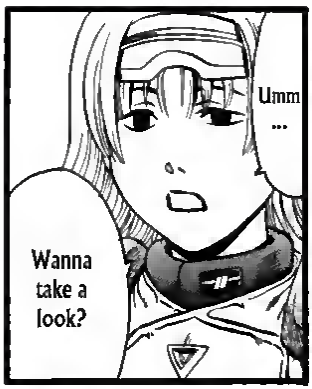
SKRICH

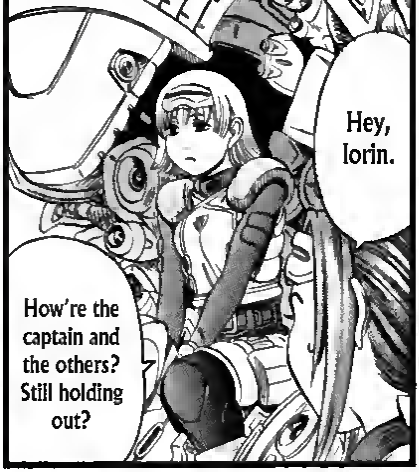
WOOSH

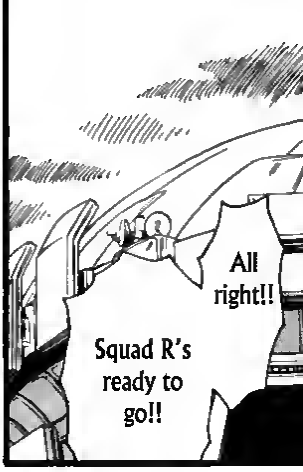
DASH!

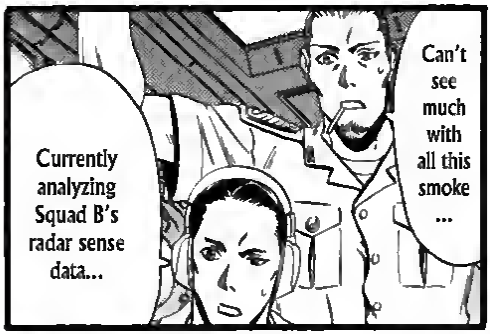
WOOSH
THUNK
ZBAM
This is Squad P. We are currently heading up north of the east coast.
Just now, eliminated 12 of the enemies.
There are barely any enemies that have gotten past to the south.
B-BOOM
KA-DOOM...
-Hajime-kun...!!
Which would mean they're all staying near the landing point...?

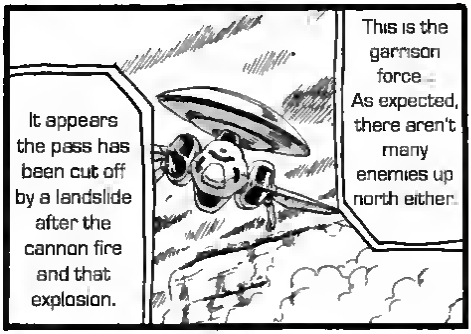
.....Beautiful.....


Umm ...
Wanna take a look?


Hey, Iorin.
How're the captain and the others? Still holding out?


All right!!
Squad R's ready to go!!


Currently analyzing Squad B's radar sense data...
Can't see much with all this smoke ...


It appears the pass has been cut off by a landslide after the cannon fire and that explosion.
This is the garrison force. As expected, there aren't many enemies up north either.

!?

the enemy attacks have stopped?
Stay alert! Don't relax until we can get a clear view..

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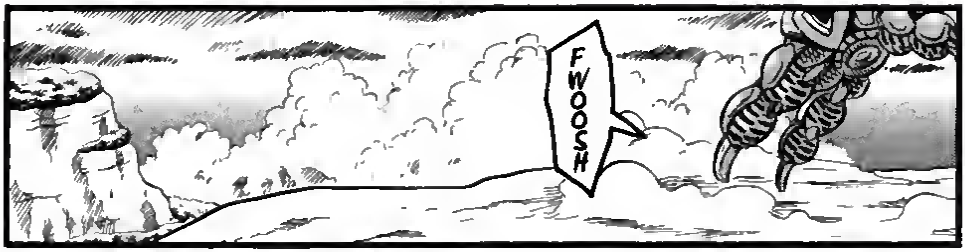
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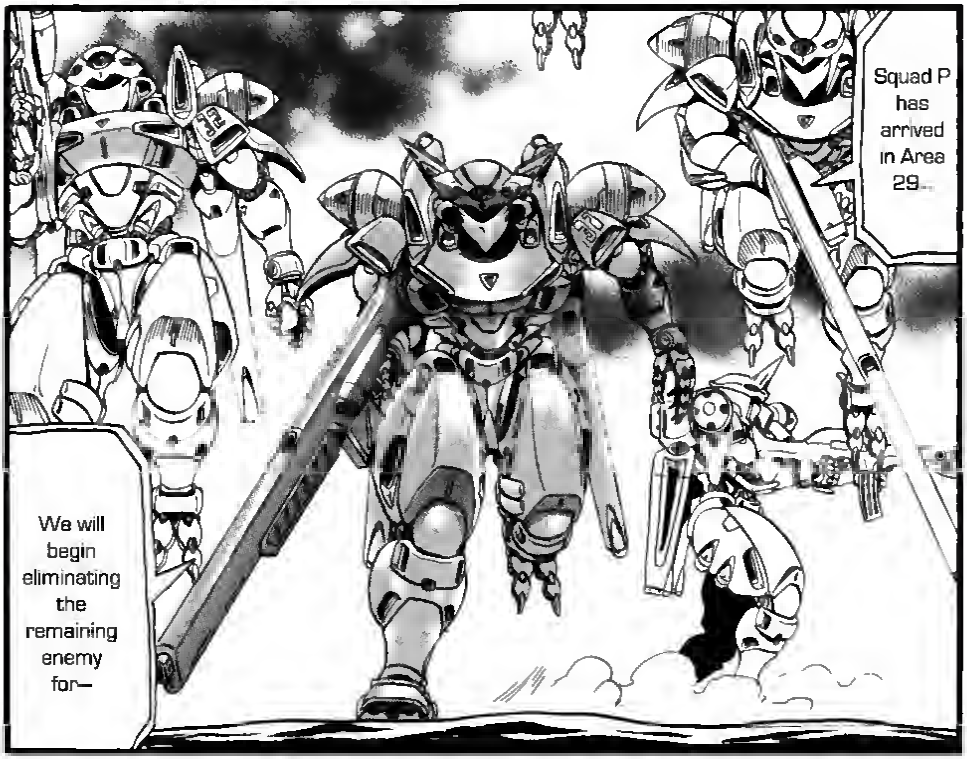
Squad P has arrived in Area 29...
We will begin eliminating the remaining enemy for—

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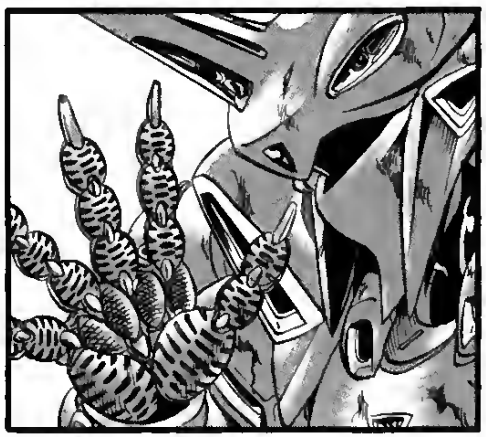
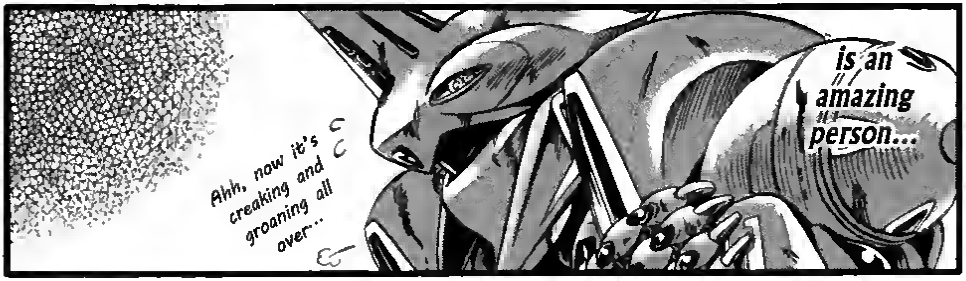
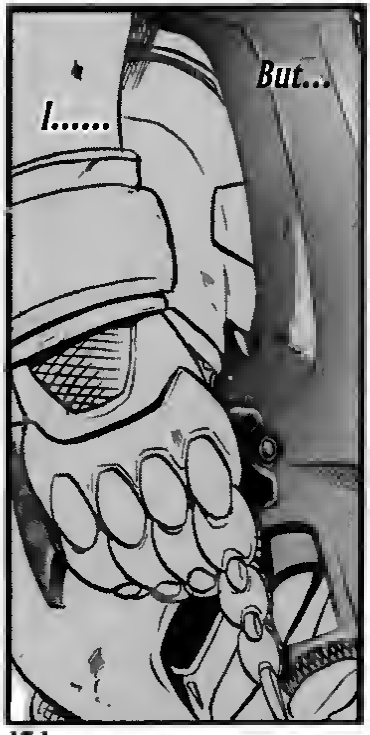


....
plop...

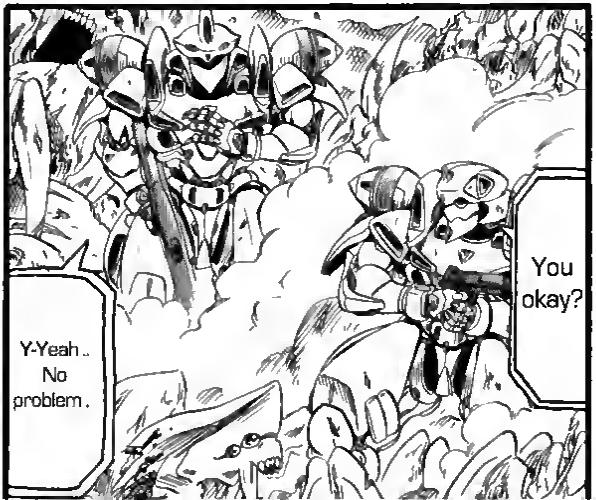
I definitely *held it off...*
5 minutes...
Zero...
Remaining enemy forces in Area 29...
Uhhh...
....

Your older brother...
Yorozu...


Ahh, now it's creaking and groaning all over...
is an amazing person...


But...
I.....

Is he still human? That guy...
...I'm speechless.

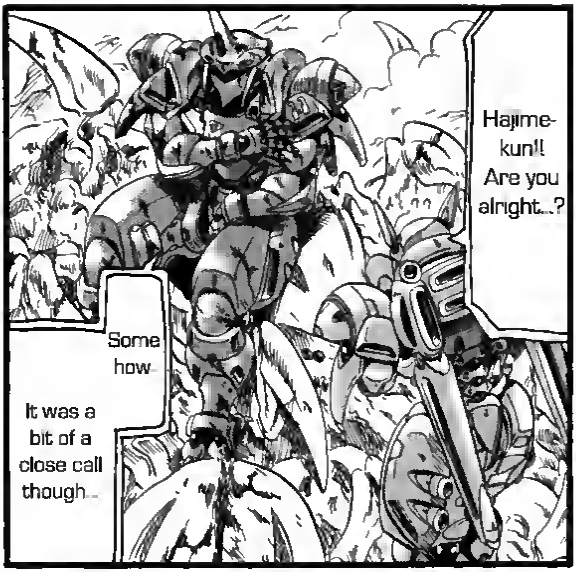

You okay?
Y-Yeah.. No problem.

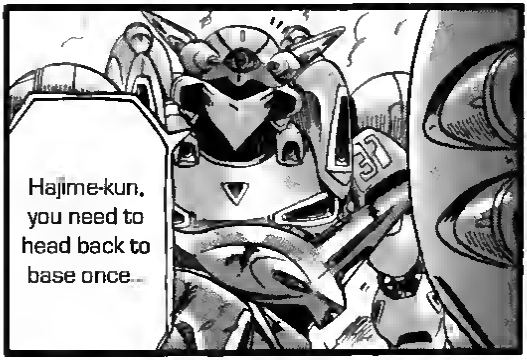
Seems like the other two are okay too...
WHOA-AAAH!! AMAZIN' !!
THAT'S OUR CAPTAIN !!
We don't know that fresh enemies won't show up...
Save the celebrations for later!

Squad R, heading out!!
...
Yup... There's just no way you could beat that guy...
.....

...couldn't do anything...
Just like back then...

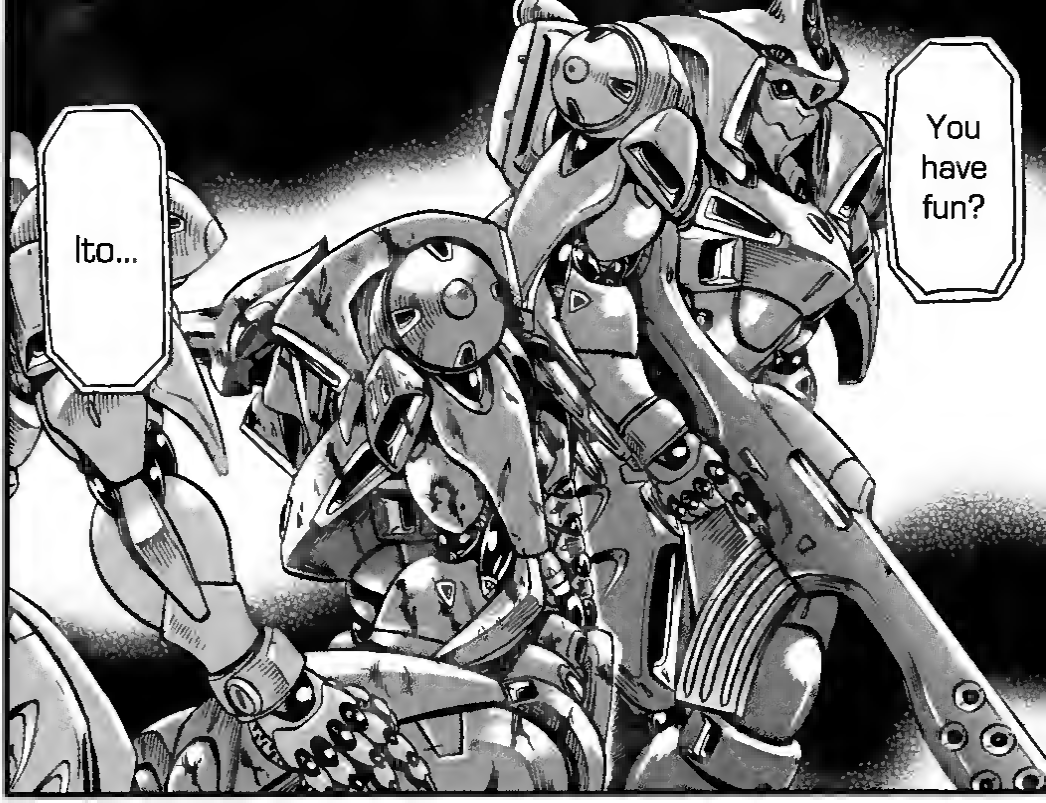
Okazaki-san and the rest are going to have a fit...
The joints are all worn out from the heat damage...

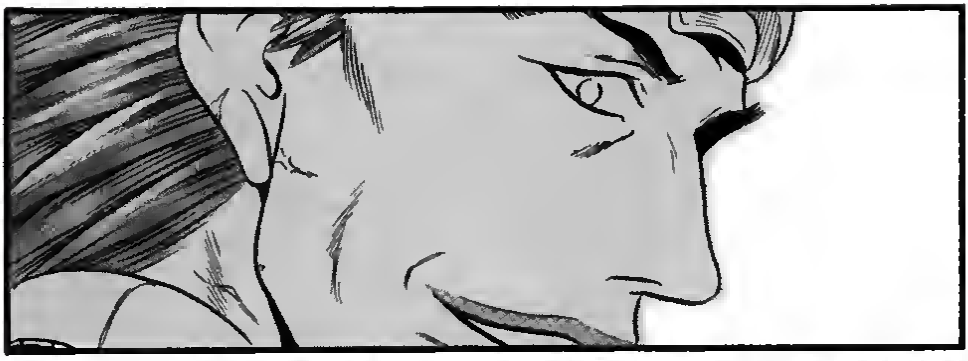

Hajime-kun!! Are you alright...?
Some how
It was a bit of a close call though...

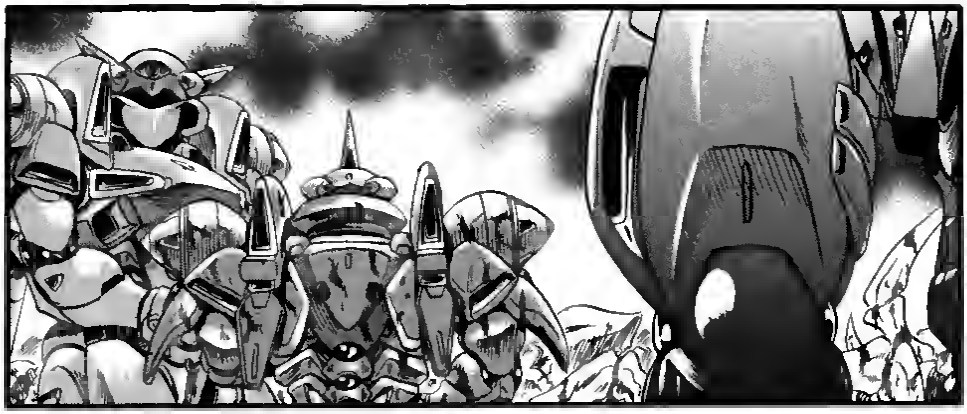

Hajime-kun, you need to head back to base once...

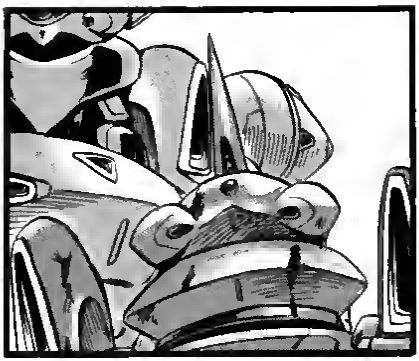
whew!
Thank goodness...
Can you stand? We'll be on the look out here, so...

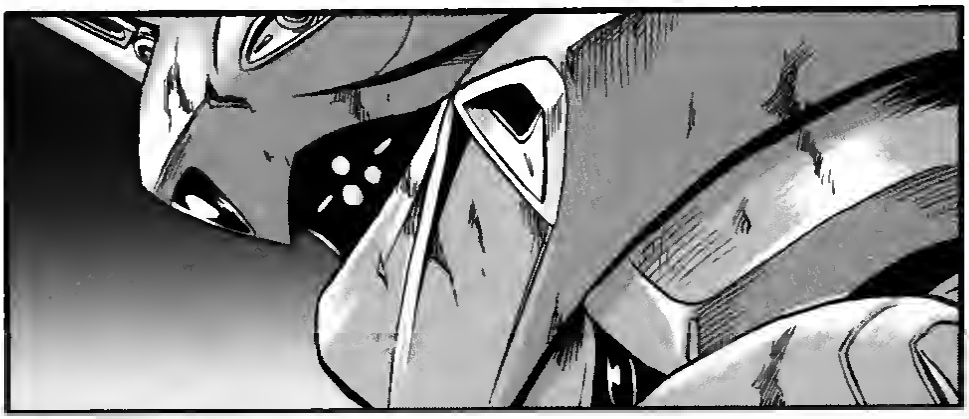
Isn't this once again...
quite the show you've put on here...

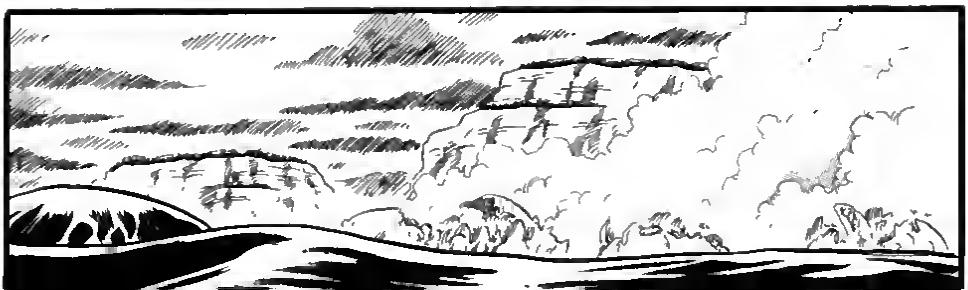

Ito...
You have fun?











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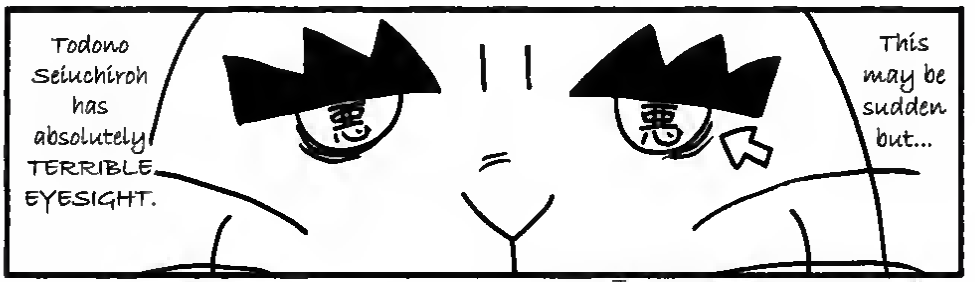
TODONO'S AFTERWORDS



*悪 The Japanese kanji character for "evil/bad"

In fine art classes, or in arts & crafts I'd get praised for my sketches, but once I color it, they get mad and my grades I believe were middle-of-the-road.
I wouldn't be surprised now if you even turned out to be a crow...
CLUCK CLUCK
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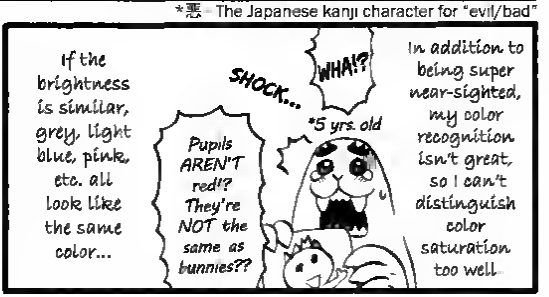
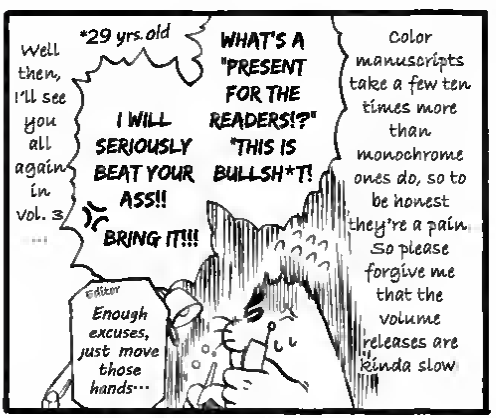
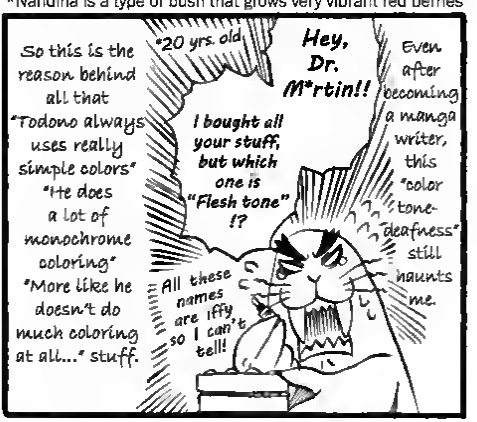
Ever since I was a kid, I've loved drawing, but always hated coloring
*15 yrs. old


If the brightness is similar, grey, light blue, pink, etc. all look like the same color...
SHOCK..
WHA!?
*5 yrs. old
Pupils AREN'T red!? They're NOT the same as bunnies??
In addition to being super near-sighted, my color recognition isn't great, so I can't distinguish color saturation too well

Even when my parent's yard is full of Nandina berries, I don't notice at all...
*8 yrs old
Cherry blossoms and snow AREN'T the same color!?
DOUBLE SHOCK..
WHA!!?
Draw a brown, blue, red, black, etc line with a marker, and just even 3 feet away & I can't tell which is which...

*Nandina is a type of bush that grows very vibrant red berries


Well then, I'll see you all again in Vol. 3 ...!
*29 yrs. old
I WILL SERIOUSLY BEAT YOUR ASS!!
BRING IT!!!
WHAT'S A "PRESENT FOR THE READERS!?" "THIS IS BULLSH*T!
Enough excuses, just move those hands...
Color manuscripts take a few ten times more than monochrome ones do, so to be honest they're a pain. So please forgive me that the volume releases are kinda slow


So this is the reason behind all that "Todono always uses really simple colors" "He does a lot of monochrome coloring" "More like he doesn't do much coloring at all..." stuff.
*20 yrs. old
Hey, Dr. M*rtin!!
I bought all your stuff, but which one is "Flesh tone" !?
All these names are iffy so I can't tell!
Even after becoming a manga writer, this "color tone-deafness" still haunts me.

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